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Port Almanac—December 22.

Sun Rises	7 08 A M
Sun Sets	4 50 P M
Day's Length	9 h 42 m
High Water at Southport	8 51 A M
High Water at Wilmington	10.34 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec 22.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 35°; 8 p. m., 41°; maximum, 49°; minimum, 34°; mean, 42°.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 3.11.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 20.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 9 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Generally fair; slightly warmer; southerly to westerly winds.

OUTLINES.

No special excitement was manifested in the Senate by the reporting of the joint resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba; Mr. Vest offered a resolution declaring that the exclusive power to recognize a government rested with Congress; several other resolutions relating to Cuba were offered; the House spent most of the day in consideration of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill. —— The National Bank of Illinois and two private banking firms have failed. —— The steam launch Ada, the dispatch boat of the New York *Herald* and *Harper's Weekly* bound south by the inside route, touched at Beaufort, N. C., for supplies. —— Thirty-eight houses were destroyed by fire at East Radford, Va., Sunday. —— The report from the Committee on Foreign Relations on the resolution acknowledging the independence of Cuba deals thoroughly with precedents of European intervention where independence was involved; the report epitomizes the story of the movement of the Spanish colonies in America for independence, resulting in President Monroe's message to Congress recommending the recognition of all the revolted colonies of Spain, and depicts the dangers that threatened the United States during the civil war through the intervention of England and France; the report argues that the Cuban insurgents have a better status for recognition than had any of the revolted people named in the long list of precedents, and calls attention to the fact that the practice of Europe in regard to intervention has been almost invariably harsh and oppressive, while that of the United States has been mild and forbearing. —— Two great demonstrations took place in New York last night in favor of Cuba. —— The Madrid correspondent of the London *Standard* telegraphs that paper that Spain has notified the United States that she is satisfied with the friendly tone of President Cleveland's message to Congress and the attitude of Secretary Olney towards the Cameron resolutions. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 2 per cent., closing offered at 2 per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 7¾c; Southern flour dull, steady and unchanged—common to fair extra $3 00@3 55, good to choice $3 55@3 85; wheat—spot moderately active and stronger; ungraded red 80@98c; corn—spot fairly active for export and firm; No. 2 28⅝c at elevator and 29½c afloat; rosin steady—strained common to good $1 77½@1 80; spirits turpentine quiet at 27½c.

That Chicago dentist who is working on McKinley's teeth got a pull on him.

The American cow isn't putting on much style, but the income from her output last year amounted to $450,000,000.

A Washington dispatch says Marion Butler has thrown Tom Watson overboard. But Tom will not sink. He will bob on top like a fisherman's cork.

A Washington dispatch informs us that the House Committee on Banking will do nothing until after the holidays. And probably not much then.

Miss Carrie Pigeon, of Cairo, Ill., wants a rich old farmer to pay her $50,000 for breach of promise, for refusing as it were to make his ranch a pigeon roost.

A contemporary remarks that it hopes that Senator Allen's "smelling committee will succeed in smelling something." If they don't they will have very poor smellers. The whole country got a strong scent as early as the 3rd of November.

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The Medical Society of Allegheny, Pa., doesn't believe in fooling with electricity to send condemned murders off, but recommends the quiet, soothing process of gas, which just extinguishes them, as it were, without their knowing it. It would doubtless be a decided improvement on the rope. We have never yet seen any one who was stuck up the last swing, or didn't object to be roped in that way

In reply to an assertion by one English lady who doesn't ride the bike that "the prettiest woman loses all her distinctive charm when biking," another English lady who presumably does bike says her sex looks well on wheels, much better than men. We agree with her. Very few men look well on wheels. Most of them mounted doubled up look like nearsighted men looking for something they lost.

It is reported from China that the inhabitants of Southern China, who are stuck on Li Hung Chang and believe him a bigger man than the Emperor and his mother combined, resent plucking his peacock feathers, are ready to revolt and make the old fellow Emperor if he says so.

A Chinaman in San Francisco, arrested on a charge of murder, was so fearful of being convicted, hanged himself with his cue. Curiously enough he ended the suspense by suspending himself without going through the ceremony of asking a suspension of public opinion.

The Swedish colony which went to Florida a short while ago is broken up and dispersed through the State, each one finding employment where he can. They say the manager borrowed all their money and beat them out of it. Foreign colonies seldom succeed in the South.

A South Carolina man says he has grown a very fine quality of coffee on his farm, but the fact that he announces that he has some of the seed for sale gives grounds for the suspicion that he exaggerates the excellence of this South Carolina coffee.

It is a dangerous thing to call a Pennsylvania man a liar. One called another a liar the other day, and the one who was called a liar resented the imputation by dropping dead on the spot.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CASH—Paid for beeswax.
SAM'L BEAR, SR.—Notice.
NOTICE—Last call for city taxes.
JAS D. NUTT—Holiday novelties.
A MAVRONICHOLS—Christmas dainties
OPERA HOUSE—Woodward-Warren Co.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The British schooner *Mabel Darling*, with oranges and other fruits from the West Indies, arrived yesterday, consigned to Messrs. Crosly & Morris.

— Trade was brisk yesterday. The weather being favorable, many out-of-town people were in the city and there was a good turn-out of city customers also.

— The Clyde steamer *Oneida*, Capt. Robeson, from Boston, arrived yesterday morning and sailed last evening for Jacksonville, Fla., via Charleston.

— John Armstrong, colored, was committed to jail in default of $50 bail, from Justice Bunting's court yesterday, to await trial before the Criminal Court on the charge of larceny.

— One hundred and fourteen dollars and three cents was cleared by the ladies and gentlemen who produced the comedy "A Pious Fraud" at the Opera House on the 11th for the benefit of the Shelter of the Silver Cross.

— Messrs. N. W. Ayer & Son, Advertising Agents, Philadelphia, have just issued their calendar for 1897, and it is one of the best we have seen. It is gotten up handsomely and the figures are large enough to be read across an ordinary room. Price 25 cents, sent postpaid to any address.

— Rev. L. T. Christmas, who has been pastor of the Central Baptist church (col.), of this city, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist church, Charleston, West Virginia. The estimation in which he was held by his congregation is shown in the resolutions printed in this issue of the STAR.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. Walter Daggett is home from college.

—Mr. W. S. Wishart returned from Greensboro yesterday.

— Mr. L. L. Crowder, of Raleigh, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. M. Corbett, Jr., of Ivanhoe, was in the city yesterday.

— Mrs. R. W. Ward, of Verona, came down to the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. E. Anderson, of Maysville, was one of yesterday's arrivals.

— Miss Nettie Brice, who has been quite sick, is reported much improved.

— Dr. D. I. Watson, of Southport, was a welcome visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Geo. L. Morton has returned from his outing in Onslow county.

— Mr. Champ Davis has returned from attending Horner's School at Oxford, N. C.

— Mr. J. A. Matthews, a prominent merchant of Magnolia, was in the city yesterday.

— Dr. Kincaid, U. S. pension agent, of Newbern, passed through the city yesterday.

— Mr. A. J. Johnson, of Clear Run, was in the city yesterday visiting wholesale merchants.

— Mr. R. Bruce Hall, of Hallsboro, came up to the city yesterday, returning at 3.25 p. m.

— Mr. J. C. Stevenson was a passenger on the south-bound W., C. & A. train yesterday afternoon.

— Messrs. Benjamin Jackson and Neal Emerson are at home from Horner's school, Oxford, to spend the holidays.

— Rev. S. J. Porter, of Newbern, passed through this city yesterday on his way to visit friends and relatives in Columbus county.

— Other arrivals were T. B Short, N. C.; J. T. Williams, Autryville; T. M. Orr, Currie; O. B. Cox, Catherine Lake; S. G. Hayes, Castle Hayne; H. J. Bullard, Hope Mills.

OPERA HOUSE.

The First Night of the Week's Engagement of the Woodward-Warren Company—A Large Audience Well Pleased With the Performance.

The Woodward-Warren Company opened a week's engagement at the Opera House last night by presenting the comedy drama, "The Great Diamond Mystery," before a large audience. To begin with, the play was not of the "blood curdling" nature, where pistols and bowie-knives prevail, but a clear-cut comedy-drama, with a vein of romance running the whole way through.

Mr. H. Guy Woodward as *Grampus Green* proved the leading element of the piece, and while on the stage kept the audience "on the roar" all the time. His topical song singing and other specialties were especially good, he being obliged to respond to several encores. Miss Bessie Warren as *Mrs. Rainey* ably supported Mr. Woodward.

The work of Mr. Harry Siggins, who is remembered in connection with the Mabel Paige Company as *Cyril Bland*, and Miss Grace Beebe as *Polly Mellen*, were also very good. In fact, the support is above the average.

To-night the side-splitting comedy, "Our Strategists," will be presented. Prices are as usual; seats on sale at Gerken's.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—518 bales cotton, 11 bbls tar, 11 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—895 bales cotton, 22 casks spirits turpentine, 192 bbls rosin, 181 bbls tar, 13 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—814 bales cotton, 75 bbls rosin, 106 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—83 bales cotton, 22 casks spirits turpentine, 91 bbls rosin, 168 bbls tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—3 bales cotton, 800 bbls rosin, 66 bbls tar.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—7 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 128 bbls rosin, 207 bbls tar.

Steamer Driver—5 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 140 bbls rosin, 286 bbls tar, 9 bbls crude turpentine.

Two rafts—1,858 bbls rosin.

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,438 bales; spirits turpentine, 58 casks; rosin, 2,984 bbls; tar, 1,035 bbls; crude turpentine, 36 bbls.

Second Advent Church.

Rev. J. P. King, of the Second Advent Church, assisted by the elders and deacons of the congregation, baptized sixty-two candidates Sunday afternoon in the river, at the foot of Queen street, in the presence of a large assemblage estimated at over two thousand persons. At the morning and evening services fifteen persons, in addition to those baptized in the afternoon, connected themselves with the church. The revival meetings are still in progress, commencing every evening at 7 o'clock.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

All kinds of Christmas Candy at Palace Bakery, 5 10 and 15 cents per pound, at Palace Bakery. †

Maillord's Fine Candy at Palace Bakery, 60 cents pound. †

DIED OF HIS INJURIES.

Ed Marable, the Young Colored Man Accidentally Shot by E. W. Petteway—Coroner's Inquest Exonerates Mr. Petteway.

Ed Marable, the young colored man who was accidentally shot by Mr. Z W. Petteway last Friday afternoon in the store of Mr. E. D. Wessell on Second street near Market, died Sunday evening about 7 o'clock at the residence of his father on MacRae street.

Mr. Petteway was arraigned before Justice Bunting, a few hours after the accident, but as all the evidence showed that the shooting was purely accidental he was discharged.

Yesterday morning about 11 o'clock Coroner Jacobs impanelled the following jury at the home of the deceased: F. W. Ortman, foreman; Jno. M. Wright, Jas. D. Dry, Thos. Newkirk, Alonzo Simmons and Jno. D. Franklin, who, after viewing the body, adjourned to the court house, where at 12 30 p. m. the inquest was held.

Dr. R. A. Reynolds testified that he was the deceased's physician, and that Marable stated to him before death that the shooting was purely accidental. Dr. Reynolds filed the following statement with the jury.

"Dec. 21st, 1896.—To the Jury of Inquest—With the assistance of Drs. Russell, Reynolds and Mask, I made an autopsy on the body of Edw. Marable to-day, who died on Dec. 20, 1896, and found the following conditions: Ball entered left side just below ribs, passed through spleen, bowels and kidneys, and was found on left side of spinal column, and was the cause of death. (Signed) J. C. Shepard, Superintendent of Health; F. H. Russell, M. D.; J. R. Mask, M. D.; R. A. Reynolds, M. D."

York Williams, colored, testified: "I knew deceased, Edward Marable, and after he was shot helped to carry him from a carriage into his house. I asked him how he got shot. He replied that he went into Mr. Wessell's store to buy some liver pudding and saw a pistol on a shelf and asked Petteway the price of the pistol. Petteway took the pistol down and showed it to him, and while revolving it the pistol went off. I then asked Marable if Petteway shot him on purpose. He said he did not; that the pistol went off accidentally."

Geo. Dry, colored, testified: "Heard report of a revolver and saw Marable fall. I saw a smoking pistol in Petteway's hand. I asked Marable what was the matter. He replied that he was shot. I went with him to Dr. Mask's office."

Mr. E. D. Wessell, testified: "Marable had been in the store two or three times a day and was on good terms with everybody. I was at the back of the store selling meat to a customer when the accident occurred."

Earnest Gilliam, colored, testified: "The boy (Marable) came in the store and asked Mr. Petteway if he had any liver pudding. Petteway said he had, and asked him how much he wanted. Marable went to the counter, looked over and saw the pistol lying on the shelf. He asked Mr. Petteway to show it to him, which he did. He then asked Mr. Petteway if it was in good condition. Petteway commenced to revolve the pistol, when it went off, shooting Marable, who cried 'Oh, Lord!' and fell back on me. He got up and walked over to Dr. Mark's drug store."

After hearing the testimony of the above witnesses, the jury rendered the following verdict: "That the deceased, Edward Marable, came to his death by a pistol shot in the hands of Z. W. Petteway, but that the shooting was purely accidental."

Highly Complimented.

Miss Nannie Sharp, the handsome and accomplished daughter of Capt John H. Sharp, Treasurer of the Seaboard Air Line, is winning golden opinions in her work as an art student. The Norfolk *Virginian*, referring to the art exhibition of the students of Norfolk College last Friday, says:

"Prominently displayed upon an easel is a splendid pastel of a dog's head after Marie Guise, by Miss Nannie Sharp, whose work, of which there is considerable on exhibition, attracted general attention and compliment."

The Norfolk *Pilot* also highly compliments the art work of Miss Sharp, who, by the way, is well known in Wilmington, where she has many friends and admirers.

I. O. O. F.

At the regular meeting of Campbell Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F., held last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

H. P.—Isaac Northrop.
C. P.—J. E. Gordon.
S. W.—M. A. Foote.
J. W.—J. O Wiggs.
Scribe—W. H. Howell.
Treasurer—N. Jacobi.

The above, with the appointed officers, will be installed on the first Monday night in January.

A Distinguished Arrival.

Dr. E. A. Alderman, of Chapel Hill, is in the city. He ranks among the foremost educators in the country, is a contributor to educational publications, and the President of the State University. He was only recently elected to the latter position, but has occupied it long enough to show marked executive ability, and the registration of students under his management is larger than ever before. Dr. Alderman was born in Wilmington and our people feel a peculiar pride in his well-deserved honors.

Additional Express Service.

The Southern Express Company will begin to-day double daily service from Wilmington to all points north and south, east and west. The additional service will be on the train going north at 7 15 p. m. and the train going south at 9 30 a. m.

Candy Walking Canes, Candy Baskets made fresh at our Candy Factory every day, at Palace Bakery. †

Come and look at our Candy, 200 different kinds, at Palace Bakery. †

TWO INCENDIARY FIRES.

A Blaze in a Boarding House—The Firemen Had a Busy Time Sunday Night.

Two houses were set on fire Sunday night; one the residence of Mrs. J. D. Munds, on Walnut between Second and Third streets, and the other, in the same neighborhood, the residence of Mr. W J. Bergen, the well known cotton broker, on Front between Walnut and Red Cross streets.

The fire at the residence of Mrs Munds was discovered by a young lady in the house, about 9 o'clock in the evening. She was seated in the dining room, reading. She smelt something burning and looking around saw smoke curling up through cracks in the flooring of the room. Gentlemen living near were called in and after pulling away some of the weatherboarding on the side of the house, found the fire and extinguished it. Upon investigation they found cotton rags and shavings saturated with kerosene oil on one of the sills of the building. No alarm was sent in.

About 5 o'clock a. m., fire was discovered in Mr. W. J. Bergen's residence. Mr. Bergen was awakened by the cries of Mrs. James Madden, his mother-in-law, who lives next door, telling him that his house was on fire. On opening his bed-room door Mr. Bergen saw the flames making their way up the stairway just across the passage. There was barely time for the family to get out in safety. None, or practically none, of the furniture was saved. The loss on it, however, estimated as being about $500 was fully covered by insurance. The rear portion of the dwelling was badly damaged, the loss estimated at about $1,000. It is the property of Col. J. W. Atkinson, and is insured for $1,500.

Mr. Madden's house next door was also on fire when the firemen arrived, but the fire was extinguished by the department and the damage to the building will not exceed $100.

A still alarm was sent in about 2 o'clock a. m. from the boarding house of Mrs. E. B. Wiggins, on South Second, between Dock and Orange streets.

The fire was in the third story of the building. The occupant of one of the rooms on that floor was awakened by smoke. After raising the windows and admitting some air he found the trouble to be under the fire-place. A still alarm was at once sent to the Adrian and Atlantic engine houses; also to Wilmington Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, and all responded immediately. Chief Newman was telephoned for and upon his arrival ordered the fireplace taken out, when there was discovered a mass of flame under the flooring; the "Adrian" at once put a stream on the blaze and, perhaps, a large and disastrous fire was thus averted. The damage to the house and personal effects will reach $150. The house is owned by Mr. Strauss, with no insurance on same, the personal effects insured with J. H. Boatwright & Son.

Chief Newman deserves credit for the admirable way in which he managed this fire, thus saving not only the house, but many valuable household effects.

RESIGNATION OF REV. L. T. CHRISTMAS.

Whereas, the Rev. L. T. Christmas, pastor of the Central Baptist church, has for more than eleven years rendered faithful and excellent service as pastor in every possible and legitimate way, having taken charge of us on the 14 h day of October, 1885, at a time when we were only a few in number and scattered, without a house of worship or even a lot.

And whereas, he has honorably and ably led, not only the church, but the community, race and denomination on a high and aggressive plain, morally, religiously and educationally, producing great revolutions in our church circles in the city and moving the entire State to more desirable activities in religious operations.

Our church having purchased a most desirable site upon which we have erected a substantial and magnificent brick church with all the modern improvements at cost all told, of $16,000, all indebtedness on the property having been paid, except seven hundred dollars; and, whereas, the pastor did on December 8th, 1896 tender his resignation as pastor of said church; and, whereas, his resignation was rejected by the entire board and church, additional inducements having been made for his retention, the same being refused by the pastor and at the same time insisting upon his resignation, whereupon the church, having no other alternative, did, on the 17th inst., accept the resignation of her pastor; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while it is with deep pain and regret that we should part with such a leader and servant of God; still, as the Great Head of the Church has called him to another field in the far West, we humbly bow to the divine edict, and do most cordially and heartily commend him to all saints, especially those of his prospective location, as an earnest, persuasive and uncompromising embassador and advocate of the gospel, and worthy of the love and full confidence of all; and bespeaking for him and the First Baptist church of Charleston, W. Va., (the bride) a glorious and triumphant march toward Zion.

Asking the prayers of all for the continuation of our well begun work, we are

Yours fraternally,
A. J. WALKER.
H. J. WHITEHEAD,
A MIDDLETON.
JAS M. WHITTED,
H. M. MYERS.
MAJOR JOHNSON,
A. S. HENDERSON,
Board of Deacon.

Done by order of the Central Baptist church, December 17, 1896.

A BIG COTTON CARGO.

Twenty-two Thousand Bales Sent from New Orleans in One Ship.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 20.—The British steamship *American*, of the West India and Pacific Line, cleared from this port with the largest cotton cargo on record from any port. The cargo comprised 22 670 bales of cotton. In addition she had 4,483 sacks of cotton seed and 54,800 oak staves.

Another large ship which will come here this winter will be the British steamer *Milwaukee*, belonging to Elder, Dempster & Co., of Liverpool. She is larger than any ship which has ever visited this port, and has a capacity to stow 22,000 bales of cotton. But her first cargo will consist largely of grain.

Fireworks of all kinds at Palace Bakery. †

RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET

CONCERNING PERSONS AND EVENTS AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

Gov.-Elect Russell's Arrival Expected—Farmers' Institute—Supreme Court—Reward For Capture of a Murderer—State Treasurer's Report—Mark Hanna's Advice to Pritchard.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 21.

Judge Russell leaves Wilmington Tuesday for Raleigh. He comes here to take advantage of the libraries and to secure information which will be of assistance to him in preparing his forthcoming message.

Mr. C. M. Kenyon, the editor of the new Republican daily, which is to appear simultaneously with the opening of the Legislature, is in the city. Mr. Kenyon's assistant will arrive to-day. The *Tribune* will be the size of the *News and Observer*.

Judge H. G. Ewart, of the Western Criminal Circuit Court, is here. Judge Ewart, who was re-elected at the recent election, was given his commission by the Governor to-day.

Commissioner Pattison has returned from Chadbourn, where he says he held a most successful Farmers' Institute. He is making preparation to hold an Institute in Goldsboro on the 4th and 5th of January.

The Supreme Court will probably adjourn Wednesday for the Christmas holidays.

The State departments are working night, as well as day, completing annual reports and getting their offices in shape to turn over to their successors.

Governor Carr offers a reward of $100 for the arrest of John Dickson, who is charged with the killing of John Dick, in Asheville. Dickson struck Dick with a base ball bat, killing him instantly.

Five young men in this city are anxious to go to Cuba to fight for the insurgents. They were making inquiries to-day to know if the Cuban Junta had an agent at Wilmington. These young men say they will join a filibustering expedition if the opportunity presents itself.

The next Legislature will be forced to practice economy. Judge Ewart voiced the general opinion of those acquainted with legislative acts, when he told me yesterday that it would be impossible to cut down the State's expenditures more than a few hundred dollars.

The State Treasurer's report will show the following expenditures specially provided for: Agricultural department, $58,957 80; interest on 6 per cent. State bonds, $160,080; penitentiary, $140 935.80; N. C. College of A. & M., $14 288 80; Colored A. & M. College, $7 715.20; N. C. Experiment Station, $15,000.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural department has been called to meet here to-morrow afternoon to devise means for heating the Agricultural building.

Mrs. Charlotte A. Avery, wife of W. D. Avery, died yesterday in the 60th year of her age.

Mark Hanna has told Pritchard to put himself on record in regard to the financial question as best he saw fit. In other words, the administration desires the return of Mr. Pritchard to the Senate and Mr. Hanna has determined that Mr. Pritchard can change to a silver base without sacrificing the sympathies of the new administration. This information has reached here in a letter which I was permitted to see. Mr. Pritchard will undoubtedly put himself on record again as a firm believer in free coinage at the most advisable time. He is only awaiting the opportunity, which may occur at any time.

Chairman Ayer has said that Senator Pritchard cannot be defeated if he goes on record for silver. Some people think Chairman Ayer had a knife up his sleeve when he said that.

FOOT BALL AT WILSON.

Wilmington Defeated—Four to Nothing—Sawyer's Collar-bone Broken—Two of Wilson's Men Laid Out.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

WILSON, N. C., December 21.—Wilmington defeated. Score, 4 to 0. Wilmington played a good game against overwhelming odds. Sawyer's collar-bone was broken in the second half. L. P. Cutlar took his place. A touch-down was made by Johnnie Moore. Two of Wilson's men were laid out. Lonnie Southerland tried the goal from field and failed. It was a repetition of the Charlotte game.

[The Wilmington foot ball team left for Wilson yesterday morning. The following constituted the team: King, centre; Savage, right guard; Terry, left guard; Holland, right tackle; Watson, left tackle; Latham, left end; Leon Southerland, right end; Peschau, captain and quarter-back; Sawyer, left half-back; Hatch, right half-back; Lonnie Southerland full-back; L. P. Cutlar, substitute. Manager Cutlar and wife accompanied the team.]

SPANISH DEMORALIZED.

More of Their Garrisons Desert to the Cubans—Insurgents Active.

TAMPA, FLA., December 20.—Passengers from Cuba state that reports are openly accumulating that Matanzas province is overrun by Gomez's advance forces. Numerous bands of insurgent guerrillas also have created a reign of terror among the Spanish garrisons in the smaller towns, who hardly dare venture outside their picket lines.

All news from the east side of the island is that the insurgents are doing as they please in the hills beyond the trochs. Two more garrisons have just deserted to the Cubans, one of 150 and the other of 300 men. Their officers alone remained faithful, and were permitted to escape to other Spanish strongholds. Various engagements are reported at Esterer between the insurgent guerilla forces and an advancing column of Spanish soldiers, under Col. Jose Nunez. The Spanish, with considerable loss, drove the insurgents off the field. Nevertheless, the insurgents returned later and renewed the assault on the Spanish columns. The Spaniards are reported to have attacked a hospital filled with Cuban wounded, near Arona, Saturday. The story says they killed twenty of the wounded and then burned the hospital.

— Col. Alex. Q. Holladay, President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh, spent Sunday in the city, returning to Raleigh yesterday.

Our Candy Factory is in full blast Fresh Candy every hour, at Palace Bakery. †

THE MORNING STAR.

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Do not forget that THE MORNING STAR is the cheapest daily of its class in North Carolina. Its price is $5.00, while the published price of others ranges from $7.00 to $8.00.

CUBANS SEIZE SUPPLY TRAINS.

Large Quantities of Ammunition and Stores Taken from the Spanish Near Matanzas.

KEY WEST, FLA., December 19.—Two Spanish trains were captured by Cubans near Matanzas yesterday, and large quantities of ammunition and stores were secured.

At Morales guerilla fighting has been going on for several days, the Spanish forces being hedged in by a large force of insurgents. Reinforcements were sent them, and in the fight that followed the Spaniards lost seventy-five men and the insurgents fifty. The Spaniards lost two cannons.

The insurgent guerilla leader Armstrong has done much damage to the Spaniards in this section, and a price of $5,000 has been put on his head.

Reports reach Havana of many desertions from the trocha on account of illness and brutal treatment of soldiers by officers. Weyler has been forced to order an investigation.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Last Call for City Taxes.

IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE COLLECTION of City Taxes for this year it will be necessary for me to levy on all property, personal and real, unless immediate settlement is made by those in arrears.
FREDERICK B. RICE,
Treasurer and City Tax Collector.
dec 20 2t

L. H. Peterson and Henry McLean,

THE EXPERT BARBERS, CAN BE FOUND at No. 11 South Front street, where they will be pleased to serve their friends. First class work guaranteed. Shaving 10 cents. Give us a call.
Respectfully,
A. PREMPERT,
dec 20 tf No. 11 South Front street

Money Saving Secrets.

WHY THE NECESSITY OF PAYING fancy prices for Candy, when you can get fine French Candy from N. Paul's, No. 204 Princess street, at a Second, for 10 cents per pound or three pounds or a quarter. There is 3,000 pounds that must be sold. Also a fine assortment of Candies of every description. Fruits, Nuts, etc. Remember that a little money goes a long ways at
N. PAUL'S.
dec 20 4t

OPERA HOUSE,
TO-NIGHT
The Monarchs of Comedy,
The Woodward-Warren Company,
in the funniest Comedy that ever happened,
"Our Strategists"
Prices to suit the times—10, 20 and 30 cents. dec 22 1t

Just Received
A Fresh Stock of
Christmas Dainties.
ANDREW MAVRONICHOLS,
705 North Fourth St.
Call and see him for all kinds of Fruits and Nuts. Fine line of Candy at 10 and 15c per pound. Splendid variety of Fireworks also.
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Cash Paid
—FOR—
Beeswax.
If you have some to sell ship it to us and we will allow you
26 CENTS PER POUND
for it in Boston and no charge for commission or for carting. References all through the South if required. Ship by direct steamer to Boston, new line.
W. H. BOWDLEAR & CO.,
Boston, Mass.,
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Cheese, Crackers, Cakes, Salmon, Sardines, Oysters.
Full and complete stock of
HEAVY AND FANCY GROCERIES.
LOWEST CASH PRICES.
Don t fail to see us before buying.
WORTH & WORTH.
aug 30 tf

Do Not Be Contented
until you have seen our
Holiday Novelties.
The largest stock of FINE PERFUMES, &c., in the city to select from.
JAMES D. NUTT,
dec 22 tf The Druggist.

NOTICE.
Wanted, Furs of All Kinds.
Highest New York market prices. Express and freight charges paid. Returns made the day goods are received.
Quotations furnished upon request.
SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,
12 Market Street.
dec 22 tf

Order Quick.

47	Boxes Firecrackers.
11	Boxes Mixed Nuts.
32	Sage C. C. Nuts.
40	Pails Candy.
50	Boxes Candy.
5	Barrels Candy.
10	Barrels Mott's Cider.
10	Cases Cherries.

W. B. COOPER.
dec 20 tf Daw Wilmington, N. C.

FRANK H. STEDMAN,
Real Estate Broker,
DEALER IN
STOCKS AND BONDS.
Loans Negotiated.
Office in STAR Building, first floor.
dec 18 1w

DO YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY?
IF SO BUY STOCK IN THE
Clarendon Savings and Loan Association.
A New Series will be opened December 19th,
Subscribe now. A large number of shares have already been taken.
J. M. BUNTING, Sec'y.
dec 6 2w Office Smith Building, Princess st.

Foreclosure Sale.

BY VIRTUE AND IN PURSUANCE OF A decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county made at its September, 1896, term, in a action therein pend g, wherein Winslow W. Smith is plaintiff, and William H. Space and his wife Lorella Alice Space are defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will sell by public auction, for cash, on Tuesday, the 29th day of December, in the year 1896, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court House door, in the city of Wilmington, the following described parcel of land situated in the said city of Wilmington, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning in the southern line of Hanover street, at a point forty-one feet and three inches (41 ft. 3 inches) west of the northwestern intersection of Hanover and Eighth streets, and running thence westwardly along the southern line of Hanover street 41 feet 3 inches, thence northwardly and parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, thence eastwardly and parallel with Hanover street, 41 feet 3 inches, thence southwardly and parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to the northern line of Hanover street, the beginning. The same being a part of the eastern part of lot number 5, in block number 56 f according to the present plan of the said city of Wilmington.
WILLIAM L. SMITH,
nov 24 6w 24 dec 1 8 15 22 29 Comm'r's Sale.

Christmas Presents.

Another car-load of extra fine family-broke HORSES just arrived at Mills & Montgomery's Horse Exchange, Nos. 10, 12 and 14 North Water street, and for sale at prices that will astonish the natives. Now don't sit down and croak about hard times, but come and buy something for your wife or best girl to drive. They will think lots more of you. We have tried it and know whereof we speak. We also have a job lot of Fancy Buggy Harness that will be sold below cost.
dec 19 3t MILLS & MONTGOMERY.

J. W. NORWOOD, President. W. C. COKER, Jr., Assistant Cashier
W. J. TOOMER, Cashier.
ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,
WILMINGTON, N. C.,
We want your business, and will Make it to Your Interest to Deal with us. Promptness, Accuracy and Safety Guaranteed.
NO INTEREST PAID ON DEPOSITS.

	Oct. 20th, '94.	Oct. 6th, '95.	Oct 6th, '96
Deposits	$573 000	$575,700	$664,000
Surplus and Net Profits	30,200	45,100	53,100
Banking House, &c	15,600	13,500	10,000
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

Dividends paid 6 per cent. per annum.
Last Installment of Capital paid in October, 1893. dec 8 tf

The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 22, 1896

AFRAID OF A COMBINE.

The New York *Herald* is one of the papers which calls itself independent, but threw whatever influence it had in favor of McKinley in the late campaign and congratulated the country on his election. In its zeal for gold it lost sight of all other questions, and supported McKinley as the representative of "sound money" and rejoiced in his election as a triumph of "sound money.

When it was advocating the election of McKinley it knew that he was nominated as the beau ideal of the high protectionists, and that he never would have been nominated if it had not been for his protection views and his identification with the tariff which bears his name, the highest tariff we ever had in this country.

It knew, too, that he was brought to the front by a manufacturer who had a selfish motive in so doing, and it knew that his nomination was secured by the unscrupulous management of that man and the money contributed by him and other manufacturers who, like him, had a selfish motive in desiring and combining for the nomination and election of McKinley.

It knew, too, that Mr. Hanna, who managed for Mr. McKinley both before his nomination and after insisted on making the tariff question *the* issue in the campaign, on subordinating the money question, and that he yielded to the "sound money" faction only as a matter of necessity, to prevent the possible defeat of his candidate, who was threatened with formidable opposition unless a money plank satisfactory to the gold standard advocates was incorporate in the platform. Then the declaration for the gold standard with a bimetallic attachment—the grand humbug straddle—was consented to by the McKinley boomers with the Hon. Mark Hanna in the lead.

It knew, too, that after this was done, Mr. McKinley sang very low on the money question, and avoided mentioning gold as if the word had a dynamite bomb attached to it which would explode and tear things to pieces, and it knew that Mark Hanna probably declared that the tariff was *the* issue and that the money question would be played "only in spots."

Knowing all this, and more; with McKinley's tariff record and his silver record perfectly familiar to it; knowing that he was boomed and nominated as the ideal representative of the high protectionists, and that the money question was forced on his following in the convention and accepted not as a matter of principle but of politics, the *Herald* now, like a good many of the so-called "sound money" Democratic organs in the North which, like it, supported McKinley, is protesting against the Republicans attempting to pass a new tariff, or doing what the friends of McKinley intended all along to do if they succeeded in electing their man and securing a tariff majority in Congress, and for which they boomed the Canton high tariffist and spent their money so freely to nominate and elect.

It now fears there will be a combine between the high tariff Republicans and the silver Republicans. Referring to the extra session, which it takes for granted, with a view of passing and hastening a new tariff in the interest of the tariff grabbers, it discourses as follows:

"But we are far from supposing that this precious project is to go through on wheels, as its contrivers seem to believe. Canton is a very interesting place, but it is not the universe, nor even the whole United States. The new President has great power, and his tariff henchman from Maine is a skilful politician, and the rings and gangs in Washington are past masters in the business of legislating for themselves. But behind all these are the people who believe in government by the people for the people and not for the cliques and corporations. What are they going to say about it all?

"Hitherto, the danger has seemed remote. It is now seen to be near. There will be an extra session unless public opinion declares against it. There will be a new tariff bill of a very extreme and drastic kind unless the business community and the general community, seeing how their promised prosperity is imperilled, support, and support heartily, the opponents of these enterprises. We ask them not only what they are going to say, but what they are going to do about it?

"We ask another question, and this we put to the Republicans who have honestly acknowledged the immense services of the sound money Democrats in the late campaign. What was meant when Democratic and independent votes were sought and obtained for the gold standard? Did it mean tariff all the time? Or was it a gold campaign, and is it now to be a tariff administration? Was gold just good enough for platforms and speeches, while all the legislation is to be tariff legislation? What has become of currency questions?

"We saw last week the Republican steering committee of the Senate elect an extreme silverite to be their secretary. We saw them pass a resolution for a bimetallic conference. Is that the way in which silverite votes for a new tariff are to be got in the Senate? Is gold to be traded away for tariff? If not, what hope have Mr. Dingley and his friends of passing any tariff bill whatever through a Senate in which there is and will be no tariff majority?"

The Chicago *Chronicle*, which calls itself a Democratic paper, and like the *Herald*, spread itself to defeat Bryan, remarked when the Republicans began to talk tariff, that they must not delude themselves with the belief that the thousands of gold Democrats "who voted for McKinley, voted for McKinleyism." Dear, unsophisticated innocent. And now the *Herald* has the child-like simplicity to ask "what was meant when the votes of Democrats and independents were asked for the gold standard," and whether it was "a gold campaign and now to be a tariff administration?"

What does McKinley, Mark Hanna (who will be a bigger man in the next administration than McKinley himself) and the tariff grabbers who co-operated with Hanna care about "the services of the sound money Democrats in the late campaign?" They know that these services were not rendered out of any regard for McKinley, or any particular confidence they had in him, but from necessity and as the only way by which Wm. J. Bryan could be defeated. They have not much regard for the assistance thus involuntarily rendered as a matter of necessity, not of choice, and consequently they will not give the toss of a copper for the views or opinions of those McKinley Democrats, and will not turn on their heels to consult them on the tariff question, to do anything to please or refrain from doing anything to displease them. They got what they fought for with the assistance of the bolting Democrats and they are going to get all they can out of their victory. That's what Mark Hanna and his crowd are there for and the *Herald* ought to have sense enough to know it, for by this time it ought to know Mark.

As they played and fooled the gold Democrats in the late campaign with their gold-plated platform and fooled silver Republicans with the bimetallic attachment, they will now try to play the silver Republicans in Congress with the "international congress" dodge, and if necessary to get votes for their tariff will promise anything for silver, and possibly they may go as far as to do something that may seem awful to the gold Democrats, who swallowed McKinley as a "sound money" man. They may even "trade away gold for a tariff" and if they do wouldn't it be a good joke on the gold Democrats who supported McKinley, and something like retributive justice?

MINOR MENTION.

Figures do not lie unless they are forced to, and when the protectionists come before the country with another tariff bill to give the manufacturers who are seeking it more protection some of the toughest arguments they will have to buck up against will be the figures showing the exports and imports under that "industry-destroying" Wilson tariff. The reports for the past ten months show that never within the history of this country were the exports so largely in excess of the imports for the same period of time, and never was the exhibit of manufactured articles so large. Under this tariff our manufacturers have more successfully competed with foreign manufacturers than ever before; did a larger business abroad than ever before, and would have done a still better business if they had a better system of pushing their goods and getting them before the people of those countries, in which they are behind their European competitors who have been in the field longer and are better organized in the countries with which they deal. The facts and figures which they will encounter will demonstrate the falsity of the pretence that our manufacturers need more protection. But this is not all for some of the leading manufacturers are furnishing the proof themselves that they do not need more protection. The Carnegie Steel Company ships armor plates to Europe for a little over half the price it charges this Government for them. This same company a few days ago reduced the price of steel rails from $28 to $25 a ton, and one day last week discharged a hundred men whose services were rendered unnecessary by a new process of making steel, which converts the molten metal into steel as it flows from the furnace. The reduced prices of goods generally is all the proof that need be asked that our manufacturers have protection enough, even if they need any, and that the cry for more protection is a mere pretence for plunder contemplated.

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Hon. Jeter Pritchard publishes a card in the Charlotte *Observer* denying that the Hon. Mark Hanna and the Republican committee over which he presides contemplate buying any votes to elect him (Pritchard) to the Senate. The pretext for his reply is an editorial reference in the *Caucasian*, Senator Butler's organ, to a "bold, brazen and deep laid scheme on the part of Mark Hanna and his allies to capture the Legislature of North Carolina," which the Hon. Jeter Pritchard construes into an intimation that the Hon. Mark Hanna is going to try the virtue of boodle in capturing Populist votes in the Legislature. Mr. Pritchard indignantly denies that Mr. Hanna would think of such a naughty thing, and also expresses the opinion that the aforesaid members, if subjected to the test, would show up dollar-proof, triple-plated. Mr. Pritchard's denial is entirely unnecessary, for no one who knows anything about the scrupulous nicety that Mr. Hanna observed in managing the business for Mr. McKinley and how careful he was in the expenditure of the millions that passed through his hands, would believe that he would buy a yaller, egg-sucking dog for fourteen cents, unless the transaction was perfectly straight, legitimate and moral. But Mr. Pritchard does not deem the expenditure of boodle a necessity, even if contemplated, as intimated, for aside from his abiding trust in the honesty of the Populist members-elect of the Legislature, he has also confidence in their "honor," which will make them stand by the agreement between the Republican and Populist party two years ago and the pledges made in the last campaign. Now here's a chance for the *Caucasian*, which has denied that any Populist was pledged to vote for a Republican for the Senate, and challenged any one having the proof to produce it, Mr. Pritchard here affirms this. Let the *Caucasian* pin him down, and let the public know which of the Populists were so pledged.

Some well diggers in Michigan struck at a depth of fifteen feet not the water they were looking or rather boring for, but whiskey, aged enough to command respect. It happened to be a barrel which is supposed to have been dropped into a well thirty years ago, while the "Maine law" was in force in Michigan, and covered by the caving of the well. They corralled about fifteen gallons and were well satisfied.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Mr. Olney makes it clear to Congress that this Government is a limited monarchy and that the House of Cleveland will attend to all international questions.—*Washington Times, Dem.*

—— The date for the return of prosperity has been changed until after the inauguration. We will be unable to fix a stable financial policy until we secure a little tariff legislation.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— It will be remembered that when General Campos was withdrawn from Cuba and General Weyler was sent in his place, that Weyler wanted only a short time in which to close the rebellion—indeed, some fear was expressed lest the insurgents would be overcome before Weyler could reach Cuba. Remembering these these things, Weyler's present boasts that the end is near can be taken with many grains of allowance.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— There is a singular parallel between the situation in the Philippine Islands and that in Cuba. With the exception of the seaport towns, the whole of Lugon, the most important island of the Philippine group, is in the hands of the rebels, and the suburbs of Manila, like those of Havana, are frequently raided by the insurgents. The parallel becomes complete in view of the interest taken by Japan in the fate of the islands and the possibility of Japanese intervention. The fracas between the crew of the Japanese cruiser Yeshimo and Spanish marines at Manila may have signalized the beginning of serious complications. Jingoism is abroad in Japan, and the japanese expansionists may see their opportunity in Spain's preoccupation in Cuba.—*Phil. Record, Dem.*

The impurities in the blood which cause scrofulous eruptions are thoroughly eradicated by Hood's Sarsaparilla. Try it.

TWINKLINGS.

— She—It requires six things to make married life happy."

He—Indeed!

She—Yes. The first is a model husband.

He—And then?

She—The other five consist of money.—*La Caricature.*

— She—"Ma says she knows that when we are married we won't live so like cats and dogs as she and pa do."

He—"No, indeed! Your ma is right."

"Yes; she says she is sure you'll be easier to manage than pa is."—*New York Weekly.*

— Blimley—I am the unluckiest man on earth.

Huntley—Why so?

Blimley—I proposed to Edith Buzzley last night and was accepted and to-day I learn that her father is about to make an assignment.—*Cleveland Leader.*

— Banker—"No, I'm afraid I can't let you have the money. You are too much indebted to the institution across the way."

Broker—"No, sir, you are mistaken. They hold me for nothing—they've got only my word."—*Journal Amusant.*

— Mrs. Chippering—So these are your children, are they?

Mrs Marrow—Yes, and everybody says they are just the image of me.

Mrs. Chappering—Why, so they are, poor little things.—*Boston Traveller.*

— "Which do you consider more valorous, Mr. Rusher, a soldier or a football player?

"Great Scott! Soldiers have only to fight wild Indians; we have to down wild Americans.—*Chicago Record.*

— Wicks—There is one thing I will say for Blaxter; he never talks about his own writings.

Hicks—I am glad to hear that. Where there's a sense of shame there's always some hope for reformation.—*Boston Transcript.*

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Greenville *Weekly*: The Farmele-Eccleston Lumber Company made an assignment Wednesday. We could learn nothing of the assets or liabilities. It was a big concern, having mills at Parmele and also at Jacksonville, Onslow county. The assets and liabilities are supposed to be large.

— Salisbury *World*: News was received here to-day of the successful raid made in Davidson county, just across the river, Thursday night by a party of revenue officers, led by revenue officer Vic Davis. The officers operated chiefly in Boone township and cut up, to the knowledge of our informant, five illicit stills.

— Raleigh *Press Visitor*: There are 70 veterans now present in the Soldiers' Home. During the year 32 new ones have been received and there were 11 deaths. Many of those who come are sick and immediately after the hospital. Thirty are now at home on furlough. —— There are 891 lodges in the Grand Lodge of Masons, a gain of nine this year. The strength of the order in the State is now about 11,000, a gain of over 800 during the year.

— Charlotte *News*: News has been received here of the death of Mr. Frank Blair, formerly of this city, which occurred in Los Angeles, Cal., December 6th, of consumption. —— The farmers of Mecklenburg are up with the times. They have learned to produce hog and hominy. More big hogs are being killed in the county than ever before. Mr. F. E. Alexander now comes to the front and reports that he killed three eleven-months-old hogs, weighing respectively 462, 335 and 205 pounds, making a total of 1,002 for the three.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: William Edmund Harrison, son of the late Carter B. Harrison, and brother of Mr. Alex Harrison, died at his home near Louisburg Thursday night, December 17th, of typhoid fever. —— The New York *Tribune* makes the mistake of saying that Mr. Washington Duke has given $10,000 toward the endowment of Trinity College. It was $100,000. Dr. Kilgo informs us that from first to last Mr. Duke has given the college nearly a quarter of a million dollars. The Southern Methodist church has not had in its ranks one who has wrought so greatly for its educational institutions.

— Charlotte *Observer*: Mr. Lake, the Singer Sewing Machine Company's book keeper, who was shot by L. J. Kirk, Friday afternoon, is still alive. More than that, the doctors say that his condition is encouraging, and his chances for recovery are better than they seemed to be Friday night. They are slim, though, and the doctors cannot give an opinion as to the outcome. —— Capt. Redwine, conductor of a freight train on the Air Line road, was killed Saturday at Toccoa, Ga. Cars were being shifted on the siding there, when Capt. Redwine stumbled and fell on the track in front of a car which ran over and killed him. —— At the Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer Works Saturday, Daniel Sampson, an employe, was caught in a belt and carried over a pulley. He was very badly hurt. His scalp was torn and lacerated, and his skull was fractured. His right arm was so badly broken between the elbow and wrist that the bones protruded through the flesh. —— Friday night Revenue officers Geo. W. Means, Thomas H. Vanderford and E. H. Gresham, left Charlotte for Monroe. They returned Saturday at noon, and did not come back empty handed. They started out for blockade, and they got it. Seven miles east of Monroe they encountered a wagon, which they held up. It contained 125 gallons of blockade whiskey. The officers brought the wagon and mules to Charlotte, storing the whiskey at Monroe. At that place, they overhauled a freight car containing ten barrels of blockade, billed to Monroe. They arrested the car and its contents.

October the Most Criminal Month.

Most kinds of crime have their seasons, just like vegetables and fruit. In the hot weather suicide is most prevalent; from April to August people appear to be particularly bad tempered, and assaults and murders are far more numerous than at other times of the year.

July, August and September—when so many are away on their holidays—are the great months for burglary.

Taking all crimes against property together, they are highest in December and lowest in June, varying inversely as the length of the day.

Larceny from the person is at its height in summer, because more crowds gather to see cricket matches, horse races, regattas and the like, and because, also, people do not wear overcoats then, and so their pockets can be more easily picked.

Stealing from outside shops is favored by the long evenings of winter.

Horses and cattle are mostly stolen in the summer and autumn, when they are left in the fields all night.

Crime, on the whole, in England is highest in October and lowest in June.—English Exchange.

EVERY INSTINCT OF GOOD TASTE

Revolts at the idea that Family Plate, Loving Cups, Testimonials (future heirlooms), should be other than of Sterling quality.

And there is no reason why they should be unwittingly otherwise, if the purchaser sees to it that the GORHAM Trade-mark is stamped on every piece of Silver. *******

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Too good for Dry Goods Stores—Jewelers only.

Who Wheels Soon.

The gear is one of the most important things to be looked after in the wheel's running qualities. Each person must decide for herself how high or how low it should be for her comfort. The word refers always to the diameter of the rear wheel—that is, a 60 gear means that the machine is arranged to have the rear wheel revolve as though it were 60 inches in diameter. This is accomplished by means of the chain turning over a large sprocket in the front and a small one in the rear. The varying proportions of the numbers of teeth on the two sprockets produce the variations in gear. For 28 inch wheels, which are now almost universally used, the gear 80 will be obtained if there are 15 teeth on the front and 7 on the rear sprocket. Thirteen and 6 and 19 and 9 will also approximate 60. I mention 80 because that, or about 68, is the favorite gear. Formerly women's wheels were never geared higher than 56, unless by special order. The higher the gear the fewer revolutions of the pedals are needed, but of course proportionately more strength must be put into each push. In going at considerable speed the motion is more graceful where the gear is rather high. Climbing hills is pretty stiff work with a high gear, and it is always best not to go to either one extreme or the other.

To find the gear of a bicycle when you do not know it multiply the diameter of the rear wheel by the number of teeth on the front sprocket, and divide the result by the number of teeth on the rear sprocket.—Detroit Free Press.

Agricultural Uses of Bacteria.

It is known that the flavor of butter and of different kinds of cheese is due to various bacterial ferments, and there is good reason to suppose that a better product and greater uniformity would be attained by the use of pure cultures of the species upon which special flavors depend. I understand that in this country quite a number of dairies are now using pure cultures of a certain bacillus (bacillus 41 of Conn) for giving flavor to their product. It is probable that similar methods will soon be introduced in the cheesemaking industry. A recent English publication, which I have not yet seen, is entitled "Bread, Bakehouses and Bacteria." It will no doubt be found to contain information of practical value to those engaged in breadmaking.

Agricultural chemists predict that in the near future cultures of the nitrifying bacteria of the soil will be made on a large scale for the use of farmers, who will add them to manures for the purpose of fixing the ammonia, or perhaps will distribute them directly upon the soil. Should this prove to be a successful and economic procedure, the extent of the interests involved will make it a "practical result" of the first importance. Another application of our recently acquired knowledge which has already proved useful to farmers in certain parts of Europe relates to the destruction of field mice by distributing in the grainfields bread moistened with a culture of a bacillus which causes a fatal infectious disease among these little animals.—Popular Science Monthly.

No Flat For Her.

In a dreamy rapture he kissed her golden tresses.

"The future," he exclaimed joyously, "with its castles in the air!"

She turned, with sudden earnestness.

"Reginald," she said decisively, "don't deceive yourself. I tell you, once for all, I shan't live above the second story under any circumstances!"—Pick Me Up.

"DR. MILES,

Through His Nervine Is a Benefactor to Thousands."

A WIDELY known Wisconsin publisher, who resides at Green Bay, writes March 8th, 1895, as follows:

"Five years ago I became so nervous that mental work was a burden. I could not rest at night on account of sleeplessness. My attention was called to Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine, and I commenced to use it with the very best effect. Since then I have kept a bottle in my house and use it whenever my nerves become unstrung, with always the same good results. My son also takes it for nervousness with like never failing success. I have recommended it to many and it cures them. All who suffer from nerve troubles should try it. It is free from narcotics, perfectly harmless, and yet soothes and strengthens. Dr. Miles, through his Nervine is a benefactor to thousands." A. C. LEHMAN.

Editor and proprietor of DER LANDSMAN.

Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold on guarantee first bottle will benefit or money refunded. *Headache stopped* in 20 minutes by Dr. Miles' PAIN PILLS. "Once cent a dose."

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No morphine or opium in Dr. Miles' PAIN PILLS Cure All Pain. "One cent a dose."

For sale by all Druggists. [Change, June 15 1y su tu th

Curing a Snake's Blindness.

One of the most poisonous snakes at the London zoo, a king cobra, recently became nearly blind. When it shed its skin, it threw off every part except the transparent plate which covers the eye. After each change of skin this plate remained uncast, and the successive layers became opaque and projected over the eye in a horny boss. The keeper used the snake habit of creeping through any aperture which it can find in the wall of its cage to rid itself of the growth over the eye. He drew back the iron shutter which separates one compartment from the other, leaving a narrow space open. The cobra soon discovered this, and pushed its nose into the crack. This was slightly widened, and the snake squeezed through, rubbing off one of the scales as it did so. It was then induced to go back by the way it had come, and after this had been repeated once or twice it cleared the scale from the other eye. Since then it has cast its skin completely and its eyes are apparently none the worse for its temporary blindness. Snakes naturally drag themselves through rough grass and holes to get rid of the old skin which clings to them.—London Public Opinion.

The Secret Out.

The great hotel was crowded, and the newly married couple who had just arrived from Rising Sun had been compelled to take apartments on the fourteenth floor.

The fair young bride put her head out of the window to take a look at the city, but quickly drew it in again.

"It's no use trying to keep it secret, George," she said, with a blush and a pout. "Everybody has found us out already. There's a handorgan down the street playing the 'Wedding March.'"—Chicago Tribune.

No Gripe

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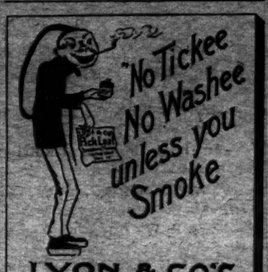

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BAGGING—			
2 lb Jute		@	8
Scinde		@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ lb	12	@	14
14 to 16 ℔ lb	8	@	7
Shoulders ℔ lb	8	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
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Shoulders ℔ lb		@	6¾
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 30	@	1 40
New City, each		@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ lb	23	@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ lb	15	@	
Northern	23	@	
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	40	@	42½
Virginia Meal	40	@	42½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	1 50
CANDLES—℔ lb—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE ℔ lb			
Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	13
State		@	10
COFFEE—℔ lb—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	10	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¾
Yarns ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	20
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	20 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	5 00	@	6 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 50
N C Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ lb	5	@	5 50
" extra	3 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade	3 25	@	3 75
Choice	4 00	@	4 50
Straight	4 75	@	5 00
Fine Patent	4 45	@	5 50
GLUE—℔ lb	7½@		9¾
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White	45½@		46
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White		@	46
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	40	@	42½
Oats, from store	30	@	33½
Oats, Rust Proof	30	@	35
Cow Peas	45	@	50
HIDES, ℔ lb—			
Green		@	7½
Dry		@	15
HAY, ℔ 100 lbs—			
Eastern		@	1 00
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ lb	3	@	3½
LARD, ℔ lb—			
Northern	5½@		6¾
North Carolina	5	@	10
LIME ℔ barrel		@	1 25
LUMBER, ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough—dge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	16 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
New Crop Cuba, in hhds		@	22
" in bbls		@	25
Porto Rico, in hhds	25	@	30
" in bbls		@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	18	@	
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 60d basis		@	2 15
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	8 75	@	9 00
Rump		@	8 50
Prime		@	8 00
ROPE, ℔ lb	10	@	12
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	60
Ashton		@	
Am'can		@	85
On 100 ℔ Sacks	40	@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	2 00	@	3 00
Common	1 60	@	2 00
Cypress	3 50	@	5 00
SUGAR, ℔ lb—Standard Granul'd		@	4½
Standard A		@	4½
White Extra C		@	4½
Extra C, Golden		@	4½
C, Yellow		@	4½
SOAP, ℔ lb—Northern		@	5
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	12 00
Mill, Log		@	10 00
Mill, Face	8 00	@	12 00
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Inferior Ordinary		@	3 00
TALLOW, ℔ lb	3	@	3½
WHISKEY ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	1 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	1 05

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 21.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at $1 05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Steady. Hard 1.40, Yellow Dip 1.90, and Virgin 1.80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 26½@26c; rosin, strained, $1 35; good strained $1 40; tar $0 95; crude turpentine 1 10, 1 50, 1 60.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	58
Rosin	2,384
Tar	1,038
Crude Turpentine	26

Receipts same day last year—55 casks spirits turpentine, 268 bbls rosin, 375 bbls tar, 38 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6 9 16c for middling.

Same day last year, middling 7¾c.

Receipts—1,488 bales; same day last year, 804.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@75 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2 25; six inch, $2.50 to 3.50; seven inch, $3.50 to 5.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 21—Evening.—Money on call to-day easy at 1¼@2 per cent; last loan at 2 per cent, closing offered at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 per cent. Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers bills 483¾@484 for sixty days and 487¼@487½ for demand. Commercial bills 483¼@483½. Government bonds firmer; United States coupon fours 110; United States twos 95, State bonds quiet; North Carolina fours 101; North Carolina sixes 122. Railroad bonds neglected.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was dull.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 21—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 7¾c.

Cotton futures—market closed steady: December 6 69, January 6 73, February 6 81, March 6 89 April 6 97, May 7 04, June 7 09, July 7 12, August 7 14. Sales 107 000 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 3,470 bales; gross 9,008 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France 1,960 bales; to the Continent 600 bales; forwarded 3 911 bales; sales 1,885 bales; sales to spinners 85 bales; stock 276 189 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 67,521 bales; exports to Great Britain 14,587 bales; to France 7,895 bales; to the Continent 9,750 bales; stock 1,282,883 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 119,930 bales; exports to Great Britain 35,314 bales; to France 24 828 bales; to the Continent 28,409 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4 508,959 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,658,216 bales; exports to France 373 918 bales; exports to the Continent 984 448 bales.

Flour dull, steady and unchanged; winter wheat, low grades $2 20@3 30; fair to fancy $3 35@4 75; do patents $4 90@5 25; Minnesota clear $3 50@4 00; patents $4 25@5 15; low extra $3 20@3 80; Southern dull, steady and unchanged; common to fair extra $3 00@3 85; good to choice $3 55@3 85. Wheat—spot moderately active and stronger; free on board 97¾c; ungraded red 80@93c; options were more active and irregular, opening weak and declining ¼@⅝, rallied ¼@⅝c, fell ¼@⅝c and closed unsettled, with near months ¼@⅝c up and late months ¼c down; No. 2 red December 87⅜c, January 87⅝, May 85¼; July —c. Corn—spot fairly active for export and firm; No. 2 28½c at elevator and 29¾c afloat; options dull and steady at ¼@⅜c decline; December 28½c, January 28¾c; May 31½c. Oats—spot more active and firmer; options firm; December 23c, January 23¼c, May 24c. spot—No. 2, 29@23½c; No. 2 white 25¾c; mixed Western 20@23c. Lard quiet and steady; Western steam $4 16, city $3 70; December $4 05, nominal; refined slow; Continent 4 40; South America $4 75, compound $4 37½@4 50. Pork was steady; demand moderate; new mess $8 25@8 75. Butter—choice firm; light receipts; State dairy 11@16c; do. creamery 14@21c; Western creamery—; Elgins 23c. Eggs—choice firm; State and Pennsylvania 21@23c; ice house 16@18c; Western fresh 20@23c; do. per case $9 00@4 00; Southern 20@21c; limed 15c. Tallow quiet and steady; city 3¼c; country 3¼@3½c. Cotton seed oil quiet; grade 19¼@20c, yellow prime 23c. Rice firm; demand fair; domestic fair to extra 3¾@5c; Japan 4¼@4¾c. Molasses moderately active and firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice new 25@34c. Peanuts quiet and unchanged. Coffee steady and 15@25 points up; December $9 25; March $9 45; May $9 50; September $9 55; spot Rio dull but steady; No. 7 $10 00. Sugar—raw quiet and nominal; fair refining 3⅜c; centrifugals, 96 test, —c; refined quiet and steady; off A 4@4¼c; standard A 4⅜c; cut-loaf and crushed 5c; granulated 4¾c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Cash quotations. Flour was dull, easy and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring 76¼@77¼c; No. 2 red 88@89¼c. Corn—No. 2 23¾@23¾c. Oats—No. 2 17c. Mess pork, $8 35@8 90. Lard $3 77½@3 80. Short rib sides $3 75@4 00. Dry salted shoulders $4 25@4 50. Short clear sides $4 00@4 13¾. Whiskey $1 18 for high proof spirits.

The leading futures ranged as follows: opening, highest, lowest, closing: Wheat—December 76¾, 77, 76¼, 76¾c; May 79@79¼, 80¼, 79, 79¾@79¾; July 73¾, 74¾, 73¾, 74¼c. Corn—December 23¼, 23¾, 23¼@23½, 23⅝; January 23¼@23¾, 23¾@23¾, 23¾@23¾, 23¾; May 25, 25¼@25¼, 25, 25¼c. Oats—December 16¼, 16¼, 16¼, 16¼c; May 19¾@19¾, 19¾@19¾, 19¼, 19¾@19¾c. Pork—January $7 60, 7 67½, 7 60, 7 67½; May $7 92½, 7 95, 7 90, 7 95. Lard—January $3 80¼, 3 85, 3 80¼, 3 85. May $4 00, 4 00 4 03¾, 4 03¾. Short ribs—January $3 85, 3 87½, 3 85, 3 85; May $4 03¾, 4 05, 4 03¾, 4 03¾.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—Flour dull; Western superfine $3 25@3 55; do extra $3 50@4 15; do family $4 00@4 35; winter wheat patents $5 00@5 25; do spring $4 65@4 95; do straight $4 40@4 70. Wheat unsettled; spot 90¼@90¾c; May 87@87¼c; Southern by sample 90@92c; do on grade 87@91c. Corn firm; spot 27¾@27¾c; year 26¾@27c; January 27@27¼

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I hear them rise and dash once more
'Gainst the sullen, fixed and changeless rock
Which has stood unmoved through many a shock
Of the raging storm and the breakers white
That must sweep to the sea again.

Wind, that art wailing through the night
With the voice of a soul in pain,
Thou hast waked the passion of wild regret,
Which slumbered so long, to rage and fret
'Gainst the pitiless, fixed decrees of life.
As well may the waves with the rock hold strife!
Back to the tide of the Infinite,
Poor heart, that hast cried in vain!

Wind, that art wailing through the night
With the voice of a soul in pain,
Thou hast gathered up each cry of earth,
That from mortal anguish ever had birth,
At the door of the living to enter in,
Weeping for sorrow and death and sin.
Yet heart make answer, "God's will is right,"
And rest in his peace again.

—Mary Gorges in Chambers' Journal.

A STEAMER'S PERIL.

"If I had slept a second longer, the steamboat with its 1,100 passengers and crew would have crushed on to the rocks. Those who escaped drowning would have been scattered over the northern part of Ohio. There was a frightful pressure of steam, and the explosion would have come within 30 seconds after the machinery stopped. I guess it was Providence awoke me in time to save those lives," said Professor Barrett, and then he gave in detail the unwritten log of the side wheel passenger steamboat, the City of Buffalo.

"I began to sail the lakes when I was 11 years old," said he. "I was born in New York state, and when a very small boy came to Chicago, where my father settled. Naturally I took great interest in the lake. It was about all there was to attract. I didn't confine my voyages to fresh water either. I rounded the Horn, when it was hard work to get by it, and was in Pacific coast going ships for five years. That has nothing to do with my failure to run the City of Buffalo on the rocks in Lake Erie, just east of Grand river. Fairport is the town there. I've got a mental photograph of the way the village looked as it lay sleeping in the breaking August day of more than 40 years ago. It's a picture that doesn't fade with time.

"I was only 19 years old then, rather young to be quartermaster of the best steamboat on the lakes, but that was the position I held. The City of Buffalo, of which I was one of the wheelmen, and the Western Metropolis, a sister side wheeler, were running opposite to each other between Cleveland and Buffalo. It was before the two towns were connected by rail, and the New York Central had to carry its passengers for the west by boat from Buffalo. The traffic in freight as well as travelers was extremely heavy, and the water transportation lines made many kinds of money, as the saying goes. Our two steamboats, the City of Buffalo and the Western Metropolis, were two of the finest that ever turned a wheel in the great lakes. They were built for speed and for comfort both, and it was a joy and a delight to sit in their wheelhouses and help them eat up the distance. Twenty and twenty-two miles an hour was what they had laid out for them on the schedule, and it was very rough weather indeed that kept them back of their time.

"We left Buffalo at 9 o'clock at night, or near that hour, and made Cleveland about 6 in the morning. I had the wheel from Buffalo to Erie —just half the distance—and from there my partner took the boat to Cleveland. One morning after we reached Buffalo I didn't go to sleep. I was young then, less than 20, and I put in the day seeing Buffalo. I regarded it as my duty to know the town and become thoroughly acquainted. That night I was dead on my legs, plumb tired out. I asked my partner to take my end of the run and let me sleep until we reached Erie.

"I was still tired, but when he routed me out I took the wheel, and we cleared away all right for the last half of the run. I got her out of the Massassauga bay all easy and smooth, and after rounding the point headed her for Cleveland. The course is as straight as a gun barrel. The night was the calmest, pleasantest I ever knew. It was in August, the lake was as smooth as a billiard table, and the speed of the old Buffalo created just sufficient breeze to make it comfortable. I didn't feel sleepy—I simply was dead tired. The high swinging chair took the motion of the boat, and I suppose coaxed me into a slumber. I don't know when I fell asleep or how it was, but of a sudden I aroused, all standing and alert.

"Just east of the mouth of Grand river, which comes into Lake Erie 60 miles west of Erie, the country bluffs up into what is locally known as Hardy's headlands. The western slope of the hill continues down to the Grand, and upon it is built the town of Fairport. Then it consisted of a few fish warehouses and 15 or 20 homes.

"From the headlands a reef runs out into the lake for a long distance. At points it rises above the surface, and in its entire length, some third of a mile or more, is a wholly undesirable matter to carry a steamboat into. The reef is abrupt in its formation, more like a knife blade than to anything else I can compare it, and on either side is good water.

"When I dropped out of my chair in the pink 4 o'clock dawn of this delightful morning in August, instead of finding myself two miles from shore I noted as I glanced through the pilot house window that the Buffalo was headed dead on to the fish warehouse at Fairport, with the apparent intention of climbing the roof in a few minutes. Under the port bow—not a long way ahead, but directly under the nose of the old steamship—were the black slime covered rocks of the limestone reef. I can see them yet. They reminded me then of the teeth of the devil, and the water plashing and rippling over them was like his smile. I thought of the thousand men and more asleep under my feet and of the homes my cursed sleep would make desolate. I saw all this, and I thought of it all in an instant. I wasn't wasting time in instituting comparisons. I jumped at the wheel. There was a chance, and a slight one, between safety and the most appalling disaster of the lakes. I threw the wheel hard aport—God, how I twisted it! It sang. Over it went like a flywheel. The handles made a gray streak before me, and when it came down hard and fast I tied it down with the lashings. I never made a series of such quick motions before or since, and every mental impulse was a prayer—a prayer for the slumbering passengers and crew and a curse for my own carelessness.

"Would the steamship ever fall off? The sixtieth part of a minute, when that boat and her cargo of 1,100 souls hung over destruction, was longer to me than the longest year I ever lived. When I lashed the wheel, I crawled through the door out on the rail. I hadn't time to check her, and when the impulse to do so came I figured if she lost any of her headway she was surely gone. I stood on the solitary chance of her answering instantly. I didn't believe she would. I just prayed for it dully.

"Under her sides the reef grew, but a lighter brown and more like a monster marine devil.

"Would the boat ever alter her dead ahead course? It wasn't my own peril that froze me and at the same time burned me up. It's paradoxical, but I felt both sensations. I like to live. I was a boy then, and life offered more than it does now, but as I am a true man I would have given my own existence and all it promised me for the assurance that there was one chance in a hundred that the Buffalo would bump against her wharf at Cleveland that morning. I felt that I could die without a shake or a tremor, but the thought I was taking hundreds with me as the result of my own negligence was indescribably horrid.

"Now, all this passed in two seconds. Imperceptibly almost the jackstaff fell away from the chimney on the hill and lined up with the little squat, whitewashed lighthouse on the Fairport government pier. So slowly the steamboat bent away it seemed like the dragging of years in eternity. But she replied to the rudder as honestly and sincerely as the honest and sincere creature she was and shot away for the open lake at her race horse speed. I could feel her keel rasp over a submerged rock, and those nearer the top nicked and raked along the swell of her sides. Under her stern the mud and sand churned up as black as a thundercloud. The tension on my nerves gave way.

"I staggered blindly up the ladder to the pilot house and fell against the wheel like a drunkard. I noted then that I was as cold as ice, and yet my shirt, my waistcoat and even my coat were wringing wet with perspiration.

"I clumsily threw off the lashing of the wheel—my fingers were numbed with cold on an August morning—and headed the City of Buffalo for Willoughby point, the next steering mark on the Cleveland course.

"Not a person aboard the boat had been awakened by the changing of the course. So far as I could ever learn—I wasn't making many inquiries—there was no one awake but myself and the engineers and firemen and one or two others. After I had pulled myself together I looked out of the front window of the wheelhouse. Directly below me sat the mate, tipped back in an armchair, asleep. He had dozed within an inch of death. After we had passed the Mentor headlands, seven or eight miles up the lake, an oiler, who had been projecting around below cleaning up the machinery, came up and climbed out on the walking beam to administer the lubricant. I saw him look astern of the boat, with every evidence of astonishment. I looked astern too. It was a bright golden morning then. The sun was just looking over the rim of the lake right after us. The wake we made was visible for ten miles back on the smooth, glassy blue of Erie. There it lay as twisted and erratic and uncertain as the trail of an intoxicated person. It was a succession of letter 'S's' until I had got the wheel by the neck and straightened away on the course. Then it became as straight as a pike pole.

"I was still shaking and trembling when we made Cleveland. I got her into the Cuyahoga and up against the landing all right and went down on deck. Just as I reached the gangway the oiler, whom I had seen out on the walking beam, came up and said to the mate:

"'Who was it at the wheel about 4:30 o'clock this morning? I'—

"The man never completed the sentence. I smashed him full in the face, and he shot out through the freight gangway and into the middle of a pile of dock wallopers, to his great astonishment, and likewise the surprise of the roustabouts.

"'Don't call me a liar,' d—n you!' I roared, and then fell a-trembling again.

"'My God, Barrett, you're crazy!' cried the mate, taking hold of me. 'The man called no one a liar.'

"I shook him loose and jumped ashore. I found Captain Perkins in the office of the steamboat company making formal report of his arrival.

"'Captain,' I said, 'I came to ask you for my pay. I don't want to act as quartermaster any more.'

"'What kind of a joke are you trying to play on me, John?' he asked.

"'No, but I'm in earnest. I'll never stand in the wheelhouse for another steamboat. I got to thinking about it coming up, and I'm a quitter. A wind vessel will do me all right, and I'm looking for a schooner now.'

"'John,' he said, 'you're sick. That's what's the matter with you. Take a few days and rest up. You're only a boy now and look where you are—quartermaster of the best steamboat on any water, fresh or salt. You'll be a master before you're 25 and an owner by the time you are 30. Take a few days' rest and think it over. Don't go off half cock.'

"'Captain Perkins,' I replied to him—'Captain Perkins, I'm right here to tell you that I wouldn't take the wheel of the City of Buffalo or any other steamboat that ever slid sidewise from the ways for the best $10,000 that was ever minted. I have made up my mind, and, if you please, I'd like to have my wages.'

"He wrote an order for it and handed it over. 'If I did what's right, Barrett, I wouldn't pay you,' he said rather huffy. 'It's unseamanlike to quit in the middle of a trip. I really ought to hold it up on you, but there's the order. Take it and go to the devil your own way! I've sailed the lakes and the seas 40 years, and you are tossing up the best chance I ever knew a 19-year-old boy to waste.'

"The next winter I was in New York, looking for a berth. We used to sail the lakes in summer and then go east and ship for short ocean voyages. On the docks I met Captain Perkins.

"'You are just the man I want, John,' he cried, making a rush for me in the crowd. 'I've just been appointed captain of a steamship that runs between here and Aspinwall, down on the isthmus, and I want you to ship as quartermaster. I know you, and you know me, and I'm gladder than as if I'd found some money. I don't like strangers in my wheelhouse.' And he started to drag me off to the steamship office to sign.

"'I can't go you, captain,' I told him. 'I'm much obliged, but I never can perform with the steering gear of a steamboat again. I told you last summer wind sailing was more in my line.'

"'I thought you'd be over that crazy notion by this time. What made you throw up your berth?' he asked suddenly.

"Then I told him the story. It made him so weak he sat down on a chain cable that was lying coiled up on the deck. He was white as a new sailcloth and trembled like a girl.

"'Heavens and earth, John,' he gasped, when he caught his wind, 'with our head of steam on, if we'd ever struck those rocks and the engines had stopped, what would our boilers have done to us?'

"'They would have sent us up to the tops of old man Hardy's sugar trees on the bluff, captain, and being somewhat higher up than the rest of you I would have headed the procession, but that's why I don't want to go as quartermaster.'

"'John,' he said, wiping the sweat off his forehead with one hand and holding out the other in goodby—the perspiration started on the old man even in January; it's no wonder my shirt was wet in August—'John, you are a wise young man. You know when to stop. I'll not urge you to ship with me, John. As a matter of fact, if you were to take my offer and go, I would resign, and you would steer for another skipper. Goodby, John, and God keep you. I must go to find me a quartermaster.'"—Chicago Times-Herald.

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9 10	Lv....Surry street....Ar	12 30
9 50	Ar...Jacksonville....Lv	11 50
10 00	Lv.....Ar	10 40
10 30	Lv...Maysville....Lv	10 07
10 40	Lv...Pollocksville....Lv	9 50
11 30	Ar...Newbern....Lv	9 00
P M		A M

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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT DEC. 13, 1896.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.50 a m, Warsaw 11.11 a m, Goldsboro 12.01 a m, Wilson 12.48 p m, Rocky Mount 1.20 p m, Tarboro 2.50 p m, Weldon 3.30 p m, Petersburg 5.32 p m, Richmond 6.40 p m, Norfolk 5.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.53 p m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.30 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.55 p m, Weldon 1.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.32 a m, Richmond 4.30 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.45 a m, New York 1.03 p m, Boston 9.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY 3.30 P M — No. 35—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.32 p m, Chadbourn 5.44 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.40 p m, Sumter 8.37 p m, Columbia 9.56 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 8.00 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.20 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.00 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 4.35 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.05 p m, New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 6.40 a m, Weldon 11.00 a m, Tarboro 12.13 p m, Rocky Mount 12.45 p m, Wilson 2.12 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.06 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 9.30 A M — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12.00 m, New York 9.40 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 3.35 p m, Washington 5.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 3.25 p m, Weldon 9.44 p m, †Tarboro 6.05 p m, Rocky Mount 5.40 a m, leave Wilson 6.15 a m, Goldsboro 7.00 a m, Warsaw 7.51 a m, Magnolia 8.03 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.25 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 7.40 a m, Sanford 1.45 p m, Jacksonville 7.10 p m Savannah 12.10 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 3.25 p m, Denmark 4.37 p m, Sumter 7.19 a m., Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.34 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.48 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.30 p m, Greenville 6.37 p m, Kinston 7.55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.00 a m, Greenville 8.29 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11.00a m, Weldon 11.30 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Parmele 9.50 a m and 3.40 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9.50 a m and 3.30 p m, arrives Washington 11.35 a m and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.3 a m, Arrive Tarboro 9.50 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10.25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 6.30 p m, arrives Nashville 8.00 p m, Spring Hope 8.24 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8.55 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 9.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.50 a m, and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leaves Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.39 a m, Dillon 9.45 a m, Rowland 10.00 a m, returning leaves Rowland 5.38 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.35 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m, leave Conway 3.30 p m, Chadbourn 5.30 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8.57 a m, 9.40 a m and 6.30 p m, arrive Darlington 9.08 a m, 10.30 a m and 3.20 p m, leave Darlington 9.31 a m and 10.40 a m, arrive Cheraw 10.40 a m and 12.30 p m. leave Cheraw 12.45 p m, arrive Wadesboro 2.25 p m. Returning leave Wadesboro 3 p m, arrive Cheraw 4.45 p m, leave Cheraw 4.48 p m and 9.18 p m arrive Darlington 7.10 p m and 9.51 p m. Leave Darlington 7.40 p m, 6.32 and 7.45 a m, arrive Florence 9.40 p m, 8.55 p m and 8.15 a m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Floyds 7.00 a m, Darlington 7.45 a m, arrive Florence 9.10 a m. Returning leave Florence 3 p m, Darlington 3.50 p m, arrive Floyds 9.40 a m. Trains leave Gibson 6.15 a m, Bennettsville 6.41 a m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m. Sumter 9.20 a m. Returning, leave Sumter 6.45 p m Darlington 8.35 p m, arrive Bennettsville 9.35 p m, Gibson 9.50 p m.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.37 p m, Manning 6.53 p m, arrive Lane's 7.37 p m, leave Lanes 8.59 a m. Manning 9.05 a m. arrive Sumter 9.35a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.19 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 1 p m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 3.30 p m, 5.30 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilcox and Fayetteville Branch leaves Wilcox 6.05 a m, 11.10 p m, arrive Selma 9.50 p m; Smithfield 8.50 p m, Dunn 8.35 p m, Fayetteville 6.15 p m. 1.07 a m. Rowland 6.30 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.50 a m, 10.30 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilcox 1.42 p m, 12.10 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4.40 a m, Creson 5.9 a m, arrive Denmark 6.30 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4.37 p m, Creson 5.30 p m, Sumter 6.30 p m Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5.45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m; arrives Creston 3.30 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.35 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.35 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.35 a m and 4.00 p m.

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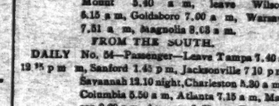

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST.			GOING WEST.	
3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.		STATIONS.	4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
5 30	5 30	Goldsboro	11 25	11 25
4 15	4 15	Kinston	10 30	
3 15	3 30	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 27	6 40	Morehead City	5 02	5 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

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Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 4.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. M. & M. for Wilmington and Intermediate points.

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SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2
P M		A M
1 45	Ar...Wilmington...Lv	7 10
4 25	Lv...Fayetteville...Ar	11 10
4 25	Ar...Fayetteville...Lv	11 31
4 13	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 37
3 55	Lv.....Sanford.....Lv	1 00
3 41	Lv.....Climax.....Lv	1 30
3 10	Lv...Greensboro...Ar	2 10
11 55 a m	Ar...Greensboro...Lv	3 35
11 07	Lv...Stokesdale...Lv	4 10
SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 5	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 6
7 50 p m	Ar...Bennettsville...Lv	6 30 a m
6 15	Lv...Marion...Ar	8 00
5 36	Lv...Red Springs...Lv	10 18
4 45	Lv....Hope Mills....Lv	11 01
4 20

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 22, 1896

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 21.—The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here declined 1-16c, with sales of 85 bales for spinning; 1,800 were delivered on contract. The fluctuations in prices to day were confined within an extremely narrow range. The trading was quiet and in the main of a local character. At the opening prices declined slightly in sympathy with a decline in Liverpool and large estimated arrivals at the ports, but in the absence of any decided selling pressure the loss was recovered and a small advance followed. The receipts at Liverpool ports, however, were even larger than the early estimate, and, together with heavy selling for Wall street account and large estimated arrivals at New Orleans and Houston to-morrow, caused a reaction before the close, the end being at a slight decline for the day. New Orleans was lower and some selling orders were secured from that market. One Wall street firm sold, it is estimated, 10 000 bales to-day, supposed to be long cotton. This was one of the principal factors in the reaction, and the absence of outside support was also an unfavorable feature. Outsiders continue to hold aloof from the speculation on account of the heavy movement, while the uncertainty as to the outcome of the Senate's Cuban resolutions also deters investment buying, though some claim that the cheapness of the price discounts anything that can be said against cotton.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat, Corn and Oats Closed at Lower Prices—May Pork and Ribs Unchanged.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 21.—Wheat held up wonderfully well to-day in the face of local financial disturbances. The failure of three banks would under ordinary conditions have weakened prices to the point of demoralization, but such is the confidence in the value of this grain that, aside from a weak and lower opening, there was no indication that anything unusual had happened. Foreign news was the savior of the market and at one time even caused an advance over Saturday's closing. Closing continental cables were higher. May wheat opened from 79 to 79¼c, advanced to 80¼c, closing at 79⅝@79¾c—¼@¼c under Saturday. Cash wheat was irregular, closing steady.

May corn opened at 25c, sold at 25⅛@25¼c, closing at 25⅛c, a shade under Saturday. Cash corn was steady at unchanged prices.

May oats closed a shade under yesterday. Cash oats were weak and ¼c lower.

Provisions—Steadiness in product was obtained from the hog market, in which five cents advance took place. Only a slow, holiday business was transacted, and traders showed no preference for either the buying or selling side. At the close May pork and ribs were unchanged, and May lard a shade lower.

SPAIN SATISFIED

With the Friendly Tone of President Cleveland's Message and Secretary Olney's Attitude on the Cameron Resolution.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 21.—The *Standard's* Madrid correspondent telegraphs that Spain has notified the United States that she is satisfied with the friendly tone of President Cleveland's message to Congress, and the attitude of Secretary of State Olney towards the Cameron resolution.

The correspondent adds that the tone of the Spanish press towards the United States has materially cooled. The prospect of gaining time through President Cleveland's attitude gives confidence to the belief that General Weyler will push his operations against the rebels before March, when Mr. Cleveland will retire from office.

It is added that the rumors of military and naval preparations on the part of Spain must be received with caution. The Government, limited by the budget votes, is acting purely on the defensive.

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NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1 77½@1 80. Spirits turpentine quiet at 27½c.

CHARLESTON, December 21.—Spirits turpentine firm at 24½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels: A, B, C, D, E, F $1 40, G $1 45, H $1 50, I, $1 65, K $1 70, M $1 80, N $2 00, W G $2 20, W W $2 50.

SAVANNAH, December 21.—Spirits turpentine firm at 25c; sales 1,000 casks; receipts 797 casks. Rosin firm; sales 5,000 barrels; receipts 5,76) barrels; A, B, C, D, E F $1 45, G $1 55, H $1 70, I $1 80, K $1 85, M $2 00, N $2 25, W G $2 55, W W $2 85.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, wife and daughter arrived at Jacksonville, Fla., last night. They will visit St. Augustine and travel leisurely to Tampa, to take Thursday's ship for Havana. Gen. Lee stopped at Fernandina and visited the grave of his grandfather, Lighthorse Harry Lee, who died there in 1818 while visiting Gen. Nathaniel Greene's daughter.

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SENATE AND HOUSE.

CUBAN RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

Numerous Substitutes Offered—The Subject Will Be Opened to Discussion To-day on a Resolution by Senator Vest That Congress and Not the President Has Power to Recognize the Republic of Cuba—Appropriations Considered in the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—No special excitement was manifested to-day either by Senators or by the general public in the matter of the joint resolution acknowledging the independence of the Republic of Cuba. The galleries were not occupied to the extent of two-thirds of their capacity. The proceedings were of a formal and uninteresting character. They consisted merely of reporting the joint resolution by Mr. Cameron from the Committee on Foreign Relations and of the offerings of substitutes for it on the part of Senators.

Mr. Vest presented a resolution declaring that the exclusive power to determine when the independence of a foreign people struggling to establish a government for themselves should be recognized is vested by the Constitution not in the President of the United States but in Congress, and he gave notice that he would address the Senate to-morrow in support of that declaration.

Mr. Hill offered a substitute for the committee's joint resolution, declaring that a state of war exists in Cuba; according belligerent rights to the Cubans; and announcing that the United States will preserve a state of neutrality between the belligerents.

Mr. Bacon of Georgia, Democrat, offered a resolution asserting that the question of recognition of any people as a free and independent nation is a question exclusively for the determination of Congress, and does not appertain to the Executive Department.

And still another resolution was offered by Mr. Chilton of Texas, Democrat, declaring that a condition of public war exists between the Government of Spain and the Government of Cuba which has for some time been maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba, and that the United States will maintain a strict neutrality between the contending parties, according to each all the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States.

These various resolutions and substitutes were either laid on the table with the Foreign Relations Committee's report or were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The whole subject, however, will be open to discussion to-morrow when Mr. Vest calls up his resolution.

On behalf of himself and Senator Mills, Senator Morgan submitted an additional report on the Cuban question, which Mr. Morgan did not conclude until after he entered the chamber at noon, endorsing the action of the committee but taking more advanced ground. Mr. Morgan submitted as appendices to this report the report to the Senate made by Slidell in 1869, the speech of Senator Judah P. Benjamin on that report, the case of Cuba as presented to the State Department by Palma, and that part of the President's message relating to affairs in Cuba.

Mr. Call's resolution, referring to the alleged imprisonment of American citizens in Spanish penal settlements, was passed. It directs the Secretary of State to send to the Senate a report of all naturalized citizens of the United States of whose arrest and imprisonment, trial or conviction or sentence, either to imprisonment at the penal colony of Ceuta or elsewhere, he has any information; that he shall inform the Senate in such report of the persons now held in confinement at Ceuta, and of the charges, briefly stated, on which they are condemned, and the nature of the evidence, so far as the same appears on the files of the State Department.

The Senate, after a short executive session, at 8.20 p. m. adjourned until to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House spent most of another day's session this afternoon in consideration of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill, and still "came to no resolution thereon."

On the subject of the appropriation for the Civil Service Commission, Mr. Evans of Kentucky, Republican, made a short speech against the Civil Service law.

In the morning hour the Immigration bill was taken from the Speaker's table and the Senate's request for a conference on the amendments made by that body agreed to. The House conferees are Messrs. Bartholdt of Missouri, Republican, Danford of Ohio, Republican, and Wilson of South Carolina, Democrat.

At 5 p. m. the House adjourned until to-morrow.

WARM WIRELETS.

Treasury balances: Coin, $131,193,985; currency, $48,681,809.

Hon. John Randolph Tucker's condition yesterday was much better, but he is not yet out of danger.

David M. Hildreth, Sr., well-known hotel man of New York, was found dead in bed at his home in that city yesterday.

The Sherwood House at Fort Monroe was damaged by fire last night. Loss about $30,000, partly covered by insurance.

Jim Stone, colored, who assaulted Mrs. J. M. R. Green, of Mayfield, Ky., on the night of November 11th, was taken from jail by a mob yesterday morning and lynched.

The former Cuban filibustering steamer Laurada, which sailed a few days ago for Gibralter, where it was said she would ship a cargo for America, has returned to Messina, Sicily.

Fire at East Radford, Va., Sunday, destroyed thirty-eight houses. Many of the guests of the Hoffman hotel barely escaped with their lives. The loss is about $80,000, with but little insurance.

The big Dupont powder mills at Carvey's Point and Gibbletown, N. J., are working night and day to fill large orders for the Government. Five new buildings are being added to the Carvey's Point plant.

The twenty-round bout before the Broadway Athletic Club, New York, last night, between Bob Armstrong, of Chicago, and Charles Strong, of Newark, N. J., was won by Armstrong in the nineteenth round.

In the Italian Chamber of Deputies yesterday a member of the Radical party gave notice of his intention to introduce a motion expressing the sympathy of the Chamber of Deputies with the Cuban insurgents.

Commenting upon the declaration of Senor Canovas, the Spanish Premier, that he will brook no interference with the sovereignty of Spain in Cuba, the *Pall Mall Gazette* says that if he wishes to avail himself of the few months grace remaining to him he must change his resolutely immobile attitude for resolute action.

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CUBAN RESOLUTION.

TEXT OF THE MEASURE AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE TO THE SENATE.

An Elaborate Presentation of Precedents and Arguments for Favorable Action by Congress in the Matter of Recognition of the Independence of Cuba.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The report from the Committee on Foreign Relations on the joint resolution acknowledging the independence of Cuba and offering the friendly offices of this Government with Spain to bring to a close the war between Spain and the Republic of Cuba, was presented in the Senate to day. It is a document of very great length and deals thoroughly though briefly in its opening with modern precedents of European intervention where independence was the issue involved, the committee having, as its report mentions, examined with care all the instances which have occurred during this century of peoples claiming independence by right of revolt.

The opening lines of the report state that Congress at its last session, after long and patient consideration, adopted with practical unanimity the view expressed by our committee that the time had come for resuming intervention with Spain for the recognition of the independence of Cuba. Spain having declined to listen to any representation founded on an understanding between herself and the insurgents, and Congress having pledged itself to friendly intercession, the only question that remains to be decided is the nature of the next step to be taken, with proper regard to the customs and usages of nations.

With little further preamble, the report then refers as its first instance showing that "the modern precedents of European intervention where independence was involved began with Greece" in the struggle which lasted from 1821 until 1827. Incidents of the struggle, in which the Greeks fought for independence, are concisely pointed out, traced until the period when the Powers induced Turkey to consent to allow her affairs to be discussed in a general conference and Russia insisted that the Greek insurrection should be included among the subjects of mediation.

Following in regular order in its details of circumstances of European nations claiming independence on the ground of the right of revolution, the cases are mentioned of Belgium against the Netherlands, in 1830, where the King of Holland was coerced into accepting their conditions, opposed by the Powers upon a show of armed hostility in November, 1832 by the Governments of France and England. The coincident rebellion in Poland, in which the Czar notified "the Minister of the new French King, Louis Phillippe, that he would tolerate no intervention in Poland," is given attention.

Then follows, in the series of European nations claiming independence, the recital of the deposal from the throne of Hungary of the Hapsburg dynasty, followed by the election of Louis Kossuth Provisional President and the intervention of Russia on the ground that if she did not so intervene Hungary would establish her independence. "This precedent," continues the report, "tended to establish the right of every Government to intervene in the affairs of foreign States whenever their situation should 'tend to endanger its own safety or the political equilibrium on its frontiers.' As far as is known every other Government in the world tacitly acquiesced in the establishment of this precedent." The report further states:

"Besides the four precedents of Greece, Belgium, Poland and Hungary, where new nationalities were in question, a much larger number of interventions occurred in Europe in the process of disruption or consolidation, which has, on the one hand, disintegrated the ancient empires of the Sultan, of Spain, of the Church, and, on the other hand, concentrated the new systems of Germany, Russia and Italy."

Referring to the Ottoman Empire, it is mentioned that since the year 1827 intervention in the affairs of the Ottoman Empire has been so constant as to create a body of jurisprudence, and a long series of treaties on which the existence of all present systems of southeastern Europe seems now to be more or less entirely based.

Not only Greece, Montegro, Roumania, Bulgaria, Roumelia, Servia and Egypt have been the creations of such intervention, or the objects to its restraints, but also Samos, Crete and even the Lewant, owe their legal status to the same source.

An authority so great must assume some foundation in law, seeing that the entire world acquiesced not only in the practical exercise of the force, but also in the principle on which it rested, whatever that principle was.

The report epitomizes the story of the movement of the Spanish colonies in America for independence, resulting in President Monroe sending to Congress his celebrated message of March 8th, 1822, recommending the recognition of all revolted colonies of Spain, Mexico, Colombia, Chili and Buenos Ayres.

The circumstances attending the recognition of Texas as an independent power are very closely reviewed in the report.

Graphically then the report depicts the dangers that threatened the United States during the civil war from the intervention of England and France and through the action of Louis Napoleon in sending an army to Mexico.

"When the Cuban insurgents in 1869 appealed to the United States for recognition President Grant admitted the justness of the claim and directed the minister of the United States at Madrid to interpose our good offices with the Spanish Government in order to obtain by a friendly arrangement the independence of the island. The story of that intervention is familiar to every member of the Senate and was made the basis of its resolution last session, requesting the President once more to interpose his friendly offices with the Spanish Government for the recognition of the independence of Cuba.

"The resolution then adopted by Congress was perfectly understood to carry with it the consequences which necessarily would follow the rejection by Spain of friendly offices. On this point the situation needs no further comment. The action taken by Congress in the last session was taken 'on great consideration and on just principles on a right of intervention exercised twenty-seven years ago, and after a patient delay unexampled in history. The interval of nine months which have elapsed since that action of Congress has proved the necessity of carrying it on to completion."

The report then goes on to argue that the Cuban insurgents have a better status for recognition than had any of the revolted people named in the long chapter of precedents whose independence has become a fact.

"The only question that properly remains for Congress to consider is the mode which should be adopted for the step which Congress is pledged next to take.

"The Government of the United States entertains none but the friendliest feelings towards Spain. Its most anxious wish is to avoid even the appearance of an unfriendliness, which is wholly foreign to its thought. For more than a hundred years, amidst divergent or clashing interests, and under frequent and severe strains, the two Governments have succeeded in avoiding collision, and there is no friendly office which Spain could ask which the United States, within the limits of their established principles and policy, would not be glad to extend. In the present instance they are actuated by an earnest wish to avoid the danger of seeming to provoke a conflict.

"The practice of Europe in regard to intervention, as in the instances cited, has been almost invariably harsh and oppressive. The practice of the United States has been almost invariably mild and forbearing. Among the precedents which have been so numerously cited there can be no doubt as to the choice.

"The most moderate is the best. Among these, the attitude taken by President Monroe in 1823 is the only attitude which can properly be regarded as obligatory for a similar situation to-day. The course pursued by the United States in the recognition of Columbia is the only course which Congress can consistently adopt.

"We recommend, therefore, the joint resolution, with amendments, to read as follows:

"*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the independence of the Republic of Cuba be and the same is hereby acknowledged by the United States.

"*Be it further resolved*, That the United States will use its friendly offices with the Government of Spain to bring to a close the war between Spain and the Republic of Cuba."

CUBA LIBRE.

Two Great Demonstrations in New York City Last Night—Street Parade and Mass Meeting of Sympathizers at Cooper Union.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Two great demonstrations in favor of struggling Cuba took place in this city to-night One was a street parade of the organization called the Friends of Cuba. The other was a mass meeting at Cooper Union called by the Cuban League of the United States. Several thousand men took part in the street parade and many thousand more lined the sidewalks and cheered enthusiastically along the line of march. The column was divided into ten battalions. An American flag was carried at the head of each battalion with two Cuban soldiers as escort. A large number of transparencies carried illustrated Spanish massacres. One showing the death of Maceo bore the title, "Spain's latest triumph in murdering under the flag of truce." Other inscriptions were: "Let Congress act, the people will uphold Congress." "Americans for liberty and faith;" "Remember Washington and LaFayette." "Uphold the Monroe doctrine," "Another star to the constellation of Republics," "For God's sake stop the murder in Cuba;" "We die, but no surrender;" "Viva Cuba libre;" "Join the American Friends of Cuba;" "Our object is to assist downtrodden Cubans and to prohibit Spain from committing further assassinations."

Cooper Union was packed to the doors when the meeting of the Cuban League was called to order by its president, Ethan Allen, a lineal descendent of the General of the same name, of Revolutionary fame.

The following list of vice presidents was read and approved: Levi P. Morton, Frank S. Black, John Jacob Astor, Senator David B. Hill, Chas. A. Dana, Andrew H. Green, Daniel Butterfield, Roswell P. Flower, Andrew Carnegie, William Rockefeller, W. R. Hearst, James Gordon Bennett, Chauncey M. Depew, Dr. W. Seward Webb, Alonzo B. Cornell, Franklin Edson, Hugh J. Grant, William C. Whitney, William M. Evarts, Thomas G. Platt, William W. Webb, Russell Sage, B. F. Tracey, General Stewart L. Woodford, Robert Bonner, Bradford Merrill, Thos. L. James, General Martin T. McMahon, Cornelius N. Bliss, Darwin R. James, Frederick R. Coudert, George Hoadley, Powell Clayton, Rabbi Gustav Gottheil, Rev. R. S. McArthur, Joseph Jefferson, Richard Mansfield, Edward Lauterbach, Wm. H. Crane, Terence V. Powderly, Samuel Gompers, John Mitholland, Warner Miller, Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, W. Bourke Cockran, Ashbel P. Fitch, Fred. D. Grant, Brayton Ives, Thos. F. Gilroy, Theodore Roosevelt, Frank B. Carpenter, Walter S. Logan, Paul Dana, Anson G. McCook, John F. Dillon, General Wagner Swaine, John Wanamaker, Chas. Stewart Smith, Horatio P. Harper, Noah Davis, Robert G. Ingersoll, Murat Halstead, Timothy L. Woodruff, General Joseph Hayes, General C. T. Christensen, Colonel E. H. Roper and General Lopez de Queralta.

A long preamble and resolutions were adopted. The concluding resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That the "Cuban League of the United States," organized to diffuse the sentiments and to secure to Cuba by all legal means, the inalienable rights of self-government, will labor on until its mission is accomplished. And in furtherance of its objects we ask that a copy of these resolutions, as expressive of the sense of this meeting, be forwarded to the representatives of the people in Congress and in the other branches of the Government.

Gen. Bradley T. Johnson criticised the attitude of President Cleveland.

At the conclusion of Gen. Johnson's speech, Secretary Dr. DeSayas read letters from Senators Henry Cabot Lodge, John T. Morgan, Wilkinson Call, R. Q. Mills, S. M. Cullom, Thomas Dixon, Jr., and John Morton. All regretted their inability to be present and speak for Cuba's cause. In most part the letters roundly condemned the butchery being conducted by the Spanish soldiers under Weyler.

Secretary De Sayas read a number of letters from prominent people giving financial aid to the cause. Among them was one from W. E. D. Stokes, donating $1,000. When this was announced the crowd called loudly for Stokes. Finally Mr. Stokes responded:

"I am convinced that our representative in Washington, Secretary Olney, is doing what every American citizen knows to be wrong. Here is a nation knocking at our door and asking for liberty and freedom. Shall we help them? I say we are not true Americans unless we do it. It is a great and grand cause that these Cuban patriots are fighting for and they deserve the help of the greatest of all civilized nations, the United States."

STEAM LAUNCH ADA,

Dispatch Boat of the New York Herald and Harper's Weekly.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BEAUFORT, N. C., December 21.—The steam launch Ada, bound south, touched at Beaufort last night for supplies. She had been weatherbound in Pamlico sound for several days, and hurried on to Charleston. She is making the trip from New York city to Jacksonville, Fla., following the inside route taken by the United States torpedo boat Cushing about a year ago. A correspondent of the New York *Herald* was aboard, and a representative of *Harper's Weekly*, who were making a sketch of the route owing to its importance in case of war between this country and some foreign power.

In a collision of two freight trains at Nottoway Court House station, on the Norfolk & Western Railroad, yesterday both locomotives were thrown down an embankment and some nine or ten cars were wrecked. Fireman Snead was badly scalded.

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CHICAGO FAILURES.

The National Bank of Illinois and Two Private Banking Firms Suspended.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 21.—The National Bank of Illinois, one of the oldest and best known banking institutions in the city, with assets amounting to nearly $15,000,000, did not open its doors this morning. This action was decided upon by the directors of the bank at 6 o'clock last night, after the bank had been suspended from the Clearing House Association of Chicago at a meeting of the Clearing House Committee at the home of Eldridge G. Keith.

E. S. Dreyer & Co., one of the oldest banking establishments of this city, situated at the corner of Washington and Dearborn streets, failed this morning. A notice posted on the door of the bank states that the bank is in the hands of the Security Title and Trust Company. Mr. Dreyer refuses to make any statement.

The banking firm of Wasmansdorff & Heismann is announced to be in the hands of the Security Title and Trust Company.

Comptroller Eckels to day in a statement regarding the failure of the National Bank of Illinois (of Chicago) says: The failure of the bank is due to injudicious, reckless and imprudent methods, followed by the officers and not checked by the directors, though their attention had been individually called to the same and over their individual signature they had promised to remedy the weak points in the bank's condition. The Clearing House proposes to immediately advance seventy-five per cent of the face of approved claims and thus give creditors of the bank immediate relief and prevent unnecessary disturbance of business.

CHICAGO, December 21.—The decision of the Clearing House Committee to refuse clearing privileges to the National Bank of Illinois and also to refuse funds by which the bank could have gone into voluntary liquidation was chiefly due to the astounding discovery that the bank had loaned $2 400 000 to the Calumet Electric Street Railway Company on its bonds as sole security. This loan exceeded the bank's capital and surplus. Another account which cause the bankers to hesitate was stated to be near $500 000, the debtor being E. S. Dreyer & Co. Robert Berger, the only partner of Mr. Dreyer, is a son-in-law of Geo. Schneider, president of the failed national bank. There were two other big loans which were considered poor collateral.

It is reported that the bank has on hand about 45 per cent. of its deposits of $11,000,000 and there is general confidence that depositors will be paid in full in a short time.

Robert J. Henry, one of the eight boys who were bitten three weeks ago by a mad dog in Baltimore county, Md., died at the home of his parents last night of hydrophobia. He took the Pasteur treatment in New York, returning from there last Friday.

Hon. Wm. J. Bryan spent yesterday in Chicago. He left for Atlanta, where he is to lecture Wednesday night at 9 o'clock. His departure was unattended by any demonstration.

What He Wanted.

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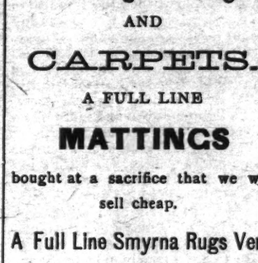

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Timely truth-telling talk concerning the many lots of bright Christmas merchandise. The happy throngs of busy buyers grow larger day by day. Many are the comments of pleased surprise heard on every hand. Our public appreciate the enterprise which prompted all this holiday preparation and are showing their appreciation by their patronage. Hundreds of helpful hints here to make your gift buying easy.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Hundreds of dozens of them to fit your every wish. Extra help in attendance so that you may be promptly served.

HOLIDAY TOWELS.

Bought for the occasion. Heavy damask or huck. Some with knotted fringe; some bean itched: some all white; some with rich borders, and all reasonably cheap.

HOLIDAY FURNISHINGS.

Wear for the men folks. Ample preparation has been made for them in this progressive store. Neat new Neckwear, Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Suspenders, Half-Hose and the like.

A PAIR OF KID GLOVES

Makes a most acceptable Christmas gift. This department is now at its best.

HOLIDAY DRESS STUFFS.

No more serviceable gift can be made than a nice dress pattern to mother, sister or daughter.

FANCY ARTICLES.

To enumerate the great host of useful and ornamental things would require columns of space. But they're everywhere in evidence in the windows on the counters, in the fixtures—everywhere there is space for gladdeners, and you are cordially invited to come and take a peep at them. Many of you will buy them, for they're just what you're looking for and here they'll cost you less than elsewhere.

Books, Games, Pin Cushions and lots of other useful articles.

When looking for your Christmas Presents be sure to visit us.

C. W. Polvogt & Co.,

Sole Agents for Butterick's Patterns, and W. B. Corsets. dec 13 tf

WE ARE NOW WRITING

Our Christmas Advertisement

For the STAR of the Old North State that stands by us and for our interest the year round, carries our message in the homes of many of our best citizens of this country, and tells them of the many good things we have to sell.

Christmas comes but once a year; Let every fellow have his share.

Buy your Toys and Dry Goods now, before the holiday season is past.

Our trade has been splendid this season, but we are sorry to say the season is nearly over and we are anxious to unload lots of our goods. We have made quite a lot of preparations for Santa Claus. He has for the past eight years made his headquarters with us, and we have found him to be a very generous old fellow, and he is also welcome this Christmas. We respectfully invite the little ones that Santa loves to come and leave their orders for Santa. He will be sure to attend to them. We have at Santa's disposal Dolls of all kinds dressed, from 5c to $3 50 each. China Dolls, Bisque Indestructible Cloth Dolls, Baby Dolls and Esquimo Dolls to please the eye and the pocket both.

Large and small Bureaus, Chairs, Beds, Cradles, Horns, Horses, Carts, Wagons, Pistols, Guns, Stoves, Tool Chests, Boats, Rattlers and Toys of almost every kind. We are selling these goods lower than ever before, and will try to do you good if you will give the line a look.

The trade in our Millinery Department is extra good. We are selling lots of Hats of all kinds. Felt, new style Sailors, nicely banded, at 50c each. Trimmed Hats in the latest styles at 50c to $5 00 each. Ribbon of all grades and prices the largest and best stock to select from. All the new shades of the season represented.

Our Cloakes and Capes and Dress Skirts is one of the best and brightest lines.

Our nice, new style seven gored Skirts in Crepon, at $1 00; in Brilliantine, Velvet bound, nicely lined, new and best style, at $2.00, finer, all wool, rough, new style Skirts, at $3.00, all Black and Dark Navy in fine Capes, rea Plush, at $4 00; longer and finer at $5 00; the newest style of Seal, worth $7 50, now $6 00. A very fine line of long Fur Capes, Silk lined, large Fur Collars, worth $18 00, we want to close at $11.00.

We want your trade, and to get it we will offer you the best of bargains. We are at 113 North Front street, opposite the Orton House.

Braddy & Gaylord, Prop.,

Of Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

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SANTA CLAUS IN BROOKLYN.

Read This List and See What You Want:

TOYS TOYS.

Dolls of every description, Tea Sets, Games, Doll Furniture, Carriages, Kitchen Sets, Cradles, Stoves, Tool Chests, Pianos, Trunks, Hobby Horses, Wagons Drums, Wheelbarrows, Tree Ornaments, or anything else in the Toy line.

Musical Instruments—Guitars and Mandolins.

Umbrellas and Canes—Silk Umbrellas and Walking Canes.

HANDKERCHIEFS—Plain Hemstitched, Embroidered, Silk with Initials.

Pocket Books, Side-com Combs and Brushes.

JEWELRY—Breast Pins, Cuff Buttons, Stick Pins, Watch Chains, Ear Rings etc.

UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY—All kinds of Underwear and Hosiery.

SHOES AND SLIP